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JUDGE FRANK ROBY SPEAKS

AT THE COLORED Y. M. C. A. MONSTER MEETING

LIFE AND ITS MANY CONPLICATIONS

Solution Left to the Individual--Conditions Demand Organized Society, the State and the Nation--Opportunity for All.

Life is a problem. Every man must solve it for himself. What is the right thing? What ought I to do? What is the best course?—are constantly recurring questions that we ask ourselves. When we find a correct answer, we are rewarded; when we choose wrongly, we are sure to suffer.

Thinking back over the years, every man recalls mistakes that he made. What he should have done or what he should not have done is so perfectly plain now that he wonders he could not see it then.

If we could only get back the chance — but chances do not come back. If the future was open as the past is open—but what lies ahead no man can see. The unexpected thing will happen. That is about all we know and that is all that we should know. Therefore men go through life as one might go through a dark room with which he is unfamiliar, feeling his way with uncertain steps, as blind in the dark as a blind man in the day.

Of course we all stumble, encounter unexpected obstacles, meet untoward accidents; no one can avoid mistakes. He can only move slowly and carefully, making as few of them as possible and not making the same one twice; which, putting it in a more conventional form, is "learning by experience."

Civilization is the sum total of what mankind has noticed, gained and remembered. If the conditions always remained the same; if the needs, desires and capacities of men never changed it would perhaps be possible to chart a course with accuracy of detail; but conditions do change; men would not be men if the things of yesterday satisfied them today.

The primitive Robinson Cruesoe finds his problems waiting for him at his island, but they are limited to the most simple, natural relations—how to obtain food and fire. An individual who comes into the midst of a countless multitude under social conditions so complex that he can never fully comprehend them has an altogether different puzzle. He adapts himself to the conditions, which include his relation to other men, his demands upon them and their demands upon him. He is no longer self-sufficient; he depends for food and fire, for almost everything, upon others, and they in turn are dependent upon one another and upon him.

This complexity of conditions necessitates organized society — the State, the nation. If every man were so nearly perfect as that he would always exert himself in his own behalf with equal solicitude for the welfare of others that he has for himself; if the weak and helpless, the innocent and the confiding were always safe from aggression, greed and violence, it would not be necessary to have organized government as we now know it.

The possibility of such a state is, of course, entirely theoretical. The present imperfect development of man requires the strong arm of government in order that the weak and helpless be not trampled out of existence by the rushing feet of the selfish and strong.

Humanity has come a long way since the first man killed wild beasts with hairy hands. Its path has been broken and hard. No race has emerged from barbarism with such rapidity as the Africans of America have done. Only 300 years between the jungle and citizenship, in a state founded upon the declaration that "We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created free and equal, endowed with the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

This rapid progress is due to the enforced contact of the imported African, with a civilization which was the embodiment of the experience of thousands of years. He was compelled to learn that which it would have taken him countless centuries to discover, and the slavery through which his enlightenment was brought about is something for which every man of African descent has reason to be thankful.

The declaration which I have quoted is the foundation of American government. It marks the high tide of civil liberty. Citizens of a community so governed need to understand what the declartion is. This is best shown by stating what it is not. To be free does not mean that one may do as he chooses; that sort of license is not consistent with freedom. Men are free to do those things which do not interfere with the freedom of other men. Every man may do as he pleases so long as he pleases to do right, and he has no right to do that which limits or lessens the happiness or opportunity of any one else.

This qualification upon our conduct is necessary that it may likewise be put upon the conduct of others by whom, but for it, our happiness would be destroyed.

Men are equal. They are equal when they are born, equal while they live, and equal when they die; and yet using the word strictly no two men in the universe ever were or ever can be equal. No two oak leaves that ever grew were xactly rounded by throbbing waves were alike—no two pebbles shaped and rounded by throbbing waves were ever exactly the same. Human mandates cannot change the law of God, and the declaration which I have quoted was not designed to have an impossible effect. It was the expression of a vital truth. Every man is entitled to an even start to run his race from birth to death without a handicap and to a fair reward.

Equality of opportunity is guaranteed to every citizen. If it is not realized, government falls short of the guarantee—if it is realized, then the declaration is made good.

The right to pursue happiness is also limited by the duty of not destroying the happiness of others, and in truth happiness can never be attained by injustice or oppression—by ill doing or by wrong.

The happiness of vice—there is no such thing. A vicious passion may be gratified, but the gratification has no element of happiness in it.

Vice destroys character. It takes away self-respect; it brings misery and degredatin; ito means the police station, the criminal court, the jail, the penitentiary, the hospital, the blind asylum, the potter's field at last. It means that innocent children come into the world with the mark of Cain upn them; that babes inherit a curse; that the penalty for the father's wrongdoing shall rest upon his children and his children's children to the seventh generation.

Virtue brings happiness. "Length of days is in her right hand and in her left hand riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace."

These propositions are universal. There has been much said in recent years of the "race problem." I deny that there is any race problem. The idea that character is a matter of complexion is avsurd. That any man shall be judged by such a standard instead of according to his deserts is not for an instant to be entertained.

That there is such a thing as race prejudice I most freely admit. Such prejudice is always grounded on ignorance — ignorance of the good which makes the other.

If I am prejudiced against a good man because his face is black or red or yellow, that fact emphasizes my unworthyness. If, on the other hand, I make companions of the lewd, the brutal, the depraved of any color, my lack of manhood is likewise established.

The right minded man never fails to respond to right-mindedness when it is recognized. The limitations of race and natonality, color and creed are rapidly disappearing.

The stuation is perfectly plain. The future of the colored man depends upon himself exactly as the future of every other man is in his own keeping.

Opportunity offers itself to all. Those may embrace it who care to do so, and such distinction and position will be attained by each one as is within the power of hs manhood.

Ths is freedom. It opens no smooth, level way for tender feet to tread. There are no pillows of down; no ease for any one. Life is a never-ceasing struggle. The heart grows faint and we are sore afraid, but the unfettered soul of the free man makes him equal to every task and master of all.

The Republic has yet to prove that a government by the people themselves can permanently endure. To prove that it can and to thus vindicate the principles upon which it depends is the concern of every thoughtful citizen, white or black. That which makes liberty safer and opportunity surer is for the interest of all. Our common interests can not be separated by the lines of race, creed or color.

The future of the Republic depends upon the patriotism and good sense of all its citizens. Wisdom and patriotism are, in the aggregate, determined by an average. The best man alone can do little; the worst man alone cannot destroy; but the average man not only can, but must, destroy or make safe. Every man is a factor in fixing the average. A good man uplifts everyone; a bad man degrades everyone in some degree. There is no race nor color in this situation.

The right to elect our own officers, to levy our own taxes and make our own laws is the very essence of Republican government. All these things are done according to the expression of the will of the majority.

If the time ever comes when a majority can be bought for money—then those who have the price will rule the land. The forms of free government might still be preserved as a matter of convenience, but the thing itself would be dead.

When a poor man sells his vote to anyone for anything he sells himself; sells his own liberty; sells his children into slavery; sells himself and them to a master who will furnish neither food nor clothing; a pitiless tyrant compared to whom the slave-driver of the South was a kind friend. No one else can sell you, but you can sell yourself. I wonder if you will?

The standards of citizenship have been subjected to serious assault. It would have been much better to have conferred the right to vote upon colored men after the war, only as they were able to demonstrate their fitness to exercise that right. The result of conferring unlimited suffrage, without any preparation for its intelligent exercise, was to make a great deal of unnecessary trouble, ending in the practical disonfranchisement of the Southern colored man.

There is no protest against nor objection to the vote of the intelligent man of any color. There is not a man anywhere who knows them or of them would suggest that Col. Knox or Dr. Furness ought not participate in public affairs, but when men, black or white, who have no intelligence hold the balance of power, then there is objection.

It s imperatively demanded now that foreigners shall not be naturalized until they have staid here long enough to demonstrate their intention to remain and have educated themselves sufficiently to understand the duties of citizenship. As the law stands the remedy which will be used is disfranchisement.

In the South a large share of the colored population no longer votes. Here in Indiana no one is refused the privilege of voting, but laws have recently been made which will weed out those who are unfit. Any one who sells or offers to sell his vote at any primary or election or for promise or hope of reward votes or refrains from voting is guilty of a crime and subject to be fined not more than $50 and must be disfranchised for ten years. The same penalty attaches to the vote buyer. These laws are meant to be enforced and they will be enforced.

It behooves the common man, the poor man especially, to see that they are enforced, for when no one is bought or sold the poor man becomes in fact the political equal of the one who has money which he dares not use. Better vote wrong and do it honestly in a sincere attempt to do right than be bribed to cast a vote which is everlasting right.

The wellbeing of the individuals who make up the State is the first requisite to political liberty. Each man has to work out his own salvation. The good man finds comfort for himself in good works and his influence uplifts all with whom he comes in contact. A bad man punishes himself. He deprives himself of character, a punishment worse than the loss of his eyes would be, and makes descent men carry the burden of his iniquity. You all know how the innocent can be put under suspicion and punished because of the conduct of a few who are vile.

Education is the antidote to ignorance. It is to be had in the home, in the school, in the daily walks of life and in the church which teaches religion. I do not wish to be understood as using the word education in a narrow sense. The educated man is the man who has learned to think and to think right. Men who have never seen the inside of a schoolhouse may be in the broadest and best sense of the term educated men.

But there is no excuse in this day, when books, magazines and papers may be had for the asking, when the schools are free, for anyone coming to maturity without having been taught the common branches.

The farmer who knows what crops are best adapted to the soil and when to plant and how to reap is a wise man. The carpenter who does good work, the mason who builds the corner plumb—such men are the peers of any. No one who does thta part which falls to him and does it well has any cause to apologize. That is all any man can do, or is expected to do. The proverb of Solomon still holds good: "Seest thou a man diligent in his calling, he shall stand before kings." He shall not stand before mean men.

Booker T. Washington has blazed the way. If his policies were adopted by colored men generally, they would in three generations dominate the industries of the nation, to an undreamed of extent.

I have referred to the church as an educational institution. Its place depends, however, on what it teaches. If it teaches the religion of Christ, it is entitled to the first rank. If it teaches only theology and superstition, it had better not exist.

I read the other day of a colored man who was interrogated by the preacher as to his conduct since his "coming out" some three years before. He cheerfully confessed to conviction for stealing, to arrest for drunkenness, and for assault and battery, but he declared with unction: "Bress de Lord, I never done lose my religion!"

The thing true religion does is to make us descent. It makes us truthful and honest. If it doesn't do that, it isn't the right brand. Religion has to be good enough to live by or it isn't safe to die by. If it doesn't point the right way in this world, how could it be trusted to

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THE LAND OF PROMISE.

It is the West that the Negro's hope of the future lies.

A FEW DOTS--THAT'S ALL

SOME OBSERVATIONS OE GENERAL CONFERENCE

IN DEFENSE OF BISHOP TURNER

Church Law Has Not Been Violated--Bishop Derrick Will Be Prepared to Give Data on Foreign Work--Notes of Interest.

By J. G. Robinson, D. D.

It has been quite a while since I have attempted to write a few dots and to give my views on the situations and outlook as I see it regarding the fourth coming general conference and matters pertaining to it.

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In beginning this letter, it will not be out of place for me to blow my own horn a little, by telling the church just how I am getting along in Dayton. Since the rise of the annual conference, seventy odd persons have joined Eaker Street A. M. E. Church, of which I am pastor. We have raised on an average of $100.00 a week. Our congregation has so rapidly and steadily increased until we are lost for room at all services to accommodate the people. We have just closed a very successful revival. We praised God for all of the blessings that are ours, and for all of the success that is attending our labors.

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The sgreat A. M. E. Church i stirred with the sensation, the like of which we have never before experienced. This great and sweeping sensation is brought about because of the marriage of Bishop H. M. Turner to his private secretary, Miss Laura Pearl Lemon. Individually, and speaking for myself, I see no reason why all of this uncalled for notoriety and unpleasantness because Bishop Turner loved a woman and a woman loved Bishop Turner, and they get married. Anyhow, Bishop Turner stands about as much in danger of being disposed from his bishopric as I stand in danger of going to heaven without dying.

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No one with good sense and common judgment can look back over the stretch of years and not the brilliant career of Bishop Turner, will believe that the great bishop at this late day would do a thing that would imperil his standing and besmear his great fame by marrying a woman who is a divorcee—Miss Lemon was not a divorced woman and they had as much right to marry as do any other couple upon the face of the earth. We under dogs have all along felt, and feel now, that law and order, and not mob violence, should prevail within the A. M. E. Church. We have a legally constituted body to investigate, try, determine and pass decisions when parties are accused of offenses dgainst the peace and dignity of the church. Why should Bishop Turner be abused, assailed and accosted? Why should undignified and unpleasant remarks be made about his wife? We are, from the bishopric down—or rather we should be—a band of men as gospel preachers, guardians of peace and representatives of heaven. If Bishop Turner has violated any church laws (and we all know that he has not) the matter should in a decent and dignified manner be carried to the legally constituted body before which the character of bishops is investigated.

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How are we to expect and look for general officers, presiding elders, college presidents, pastors, church officers and members to obey the laws and regulations of the church when bishops will without law or even dignty flagrantly mistreat bishops and trample law under their feet? Well, I guess I have said enough about Bishop Turner and his marriage and his treatment about the same, however any attempt to unlawfully railroad Bishop Turner off the bench of bishops of the A. M. E. Church will be resented in stentorian tones that will ring to the earth's remotest bounds—mark that.

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Here I go, nagging away at the educational department. What if I do? I started this cry, and now Dr. Bumry, of the Pittsburg conference,

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BY "DOROTHY"

This column is devoted to the interests of all women and their organizations also. Address all communications to Dorothy, The Freeman Indianapolis, Ind.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK.

An error gracefully acknowledged is a victory won.

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Temperance and labor are the two best physicians of men.

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Prosperity doth best discover vice, but adversity doth best discover virtue.

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Sin has many tools, but a lie is a handle which fits them all.

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Pleasure soon exhausts us and itself also, but endeavor never does.

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He who is most slow in making a promise, is the most faithful in the the performance of it.

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The way to cure our prejudice is this—that every man should let alone those that he complains of in others and examine his own.

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Do your duty "and a little bit more," if you can. The girl who is always willing to do more than her actual share of work is the girl who succeeds.

THE PILGRIM.

(By Lucius Withers.)

No wrathful wrecks of yesterday
Shall shut the sunlight from my face;
Nor bar my upward-climbing way
Nor trammel me in my soul-race.

Done deeds are dead. Let those who will
Falter and fall before old ghosts;
For me the sweet, exultant thrill
Of marching with the conquering hosts.

For me, no dreaming doubtful dreams,
Nor pondering on gone defeat.
Before me lies the road which gleams
With all its triple-millioned feet.

That bravely strive unceasingly
To reach that far tall-towered height.
Whereon the sunn shines dazzlingly
And where there is no bitter night.

No hand may help us, no word may cheer,
But by whatever Gods there be
Within my heart there lurks no fear,
And I shall wrest the victory!

LEAP YEAR PROPOSALS.

Do you believe in them, if so, why, and if not, why not? Write your opinion on the subject, "Should Women Propose"—to this department at once. After hearing what a number of the women think we will than ask the men about it.

WOMEN IN REAL ESTATE.

Some of Them Making a Success in California.

A woman real estate agent in Los Angeles recently made the largest land sale, so far as price was concerned, ever made by a woman in that part of the country.

According to the Housekeeper the deal was for nearly a quarter of a million dollars. The woman agent has been in the business only about two years, but is making a success of it.

"I have many women clients," she said, "and have no trouble with them. I find that, as a rule, they come right to the point and transact business more quickly than many of the men do.

"The lack of practical knowledge, the ability to close a deal, is the fault that presents itself most glaringly in woman. She can demonstrate and convince, but can not execute a deed or draw a contract for her own protection. But she is an apt pupil, and only needs to be shown a few times, after which she can do without a lawyer.

"She always overestimates details and spends time on trifles, allowing the main issue to lose force by delay. Women usually enter into deals with enthusiasm but, in the words of 'the street,' they are 'quitters.'

"They can not endure weeks and months of inaction, and waiting for the 'right time,' but become discouraged. The 'stayers' reach the goal."

ON ACCOUNT OF COLOR.

Because Miss Lillian B. Wright, of Chicago, won the position as a stenographer and mineographer by efficiency in the civil service examination, strenuous protest is being made by the white clerks and draftsmen employed.

Miss Wright's arrival gives the computing division three Negro employes doing typewriting work and a half dozen Negro messengers. The protesting employes are Southerners.

At the civil service commission it was said that the woman took the examination for a mimeographer and typewriter in Chicago last November and two weeks ago the commission received information that she had passed. When a call was made on the commission by the supervising architect for a mimeographer the colored woman headed the list and was given the appointment.

PIN-MONEY AT HOME.

Your call for articles on pin-money brings to mind the efforts of one girl who not only earned money through her own efforts to give her schooling for two years, but also helped at home during her father's illness.

During a visit ot age neral store, a lady was making inquiry for ferns. The dealer said he had frequent calls for ferns, but was unable to supply them, as few people cared to take the responsibility of their raising. This was the start she needed. Writing to her uncle, she explained her plan and asked the loan of twenty dollars. The answer came, full of encouragement and accompanied by the draft. Not a few hours were spent in studying fern catalogues, which resulted in an order for 150 plants, at ten cents apiece. The express on them amounted to a dollar and a half, and the remainder was invested in jars. Seventy-five plants were potted at once, the rest being left bedded in tubs. She tended them carefully, keeping sufficiently moist and occasionally added emulsion. A notice was inserted in her home paper, the same bit of information given those of the neighboring towns to the effect that she would take orders for ferns to be distributed the first of September. The best of success rewarded her first efforts, sixty-seven dollars being cleared. By this time she had had considerable experience, and on the growth she netted ecen more. This particular girl went, from this small beginning, into something larger in floral culture.—From The Girls' Own Circle of The Circle for February.

A GOOD WORKER.

Miss Cornelia Bowen—principal of St. Meigs Institute at Maugh, Ala., who has completed a very successful tour in New Yorka nd Boston in the interest of her school, spoke recently at St. Mark's M. E. Church at New York. Miss Bowen is regarded as a leader in women's work. She is president of the State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs in Alabama, and secretary of the National Federation of Clubs. She is also interested in providing a reformatory home for Negro boys of the State of Alabama. At this time a six-room cottage has been secured and sixteen boys have been cared for.

HUMANE SOCIETY LIKES THE WHIPPING POST.

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At a meeting of the Evansville Humane Society, held here last night, the whipping post idea of Judge J. G. Winfrey, of the local police court, was indorsed. It was also decided to write to Attorney-General Binghama nd ascertain if a whipping post can be legally established in this State, and if the official's opinion is favorable one will be erected here for wife-beaters. Judge Winfrey has had a score of wife-beaters before him this winter, and the long jail sentences he has imposed has has not succeeded in lessening the offense in Evansville.

In the opinion of Judge Winfrey if a whipping post could be erected in some public place, where wife-beaters would be punished, the time would soon come when wife-beaters in Evansville would cease to be known. The local humane society is composed of some of the leading men and women in the city. The motion at last night's meeting, to write to the Attorney'General, was made by Mrs. Louis Townsend, a well known charity worker, and the second was by the Rev. Dr. Ried Cross, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church.

HOW TO AVOID HEART TROUBLES

Don't fail to take care of yourself during measles, scarlet fever, acute rheumatisma nd diptheria.

Don't use alsohol in any form.

Don't miss slight daily exercise and deep breathing.

Don't sleep in a small, stuffy bedroom.

Don't fail to eat fruits and vegetables as much as you can.

Don't dress so as to interfere with the respiration.

Don't overfill the stomach just before retiring.

Don't drink mineral waters with an excess of carbonic acid gas in them.

Don't run upstairs.

Don't drink cold water in gulps.

Don't do mental work immediately after a hearty meal.

Don't let your anger get the better of you.

Don't let rheumatism get the mastery of you, as it often reaches the heart.

Don't run after the cars of you are fleshy.

Don't let another person strike you over the heart or the chest just to see how hard he can hit.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

TO THE RESCUE OF THE UNEMPLOYED.

To provide relief for the worthy unemployed of Columbus, O., 800 women sold "emergency day" red tags in the streets, factories and offices last week. The taps indicated that the wearer had subscribed, and he will not again be solicited. The relief movement is headed by the Mayor. A permanent executive committee composed of women, has been organized to devise memans of relief and collect supplies.

DENIES PRIVILEGE TO WOMEN.

Women will not be permitted to smoke in New York restaurants and other public places. This question was definitely settled, for the present at least, by the Board of Adermen, when an ordinance directed against women smoking in public places was adopted.

Tacit permission had been given for women to smoke in several of the Broadway restaurants since New Year's eve, when the proprietor of one of the well known restaurants first suspended the order against it.

ABOUT FIRELESS STOVES.

Fireless stoves, or self-cookers, as they are variously known, have been in use in Germany for a number of yeyars. The earlier types were merely boxes constructed with double walls or by secret processes built so as to retain heat when sealed. These cookers are used as follows: After a thorough heating the food to be stewed or boiled is placed inside the box, sealed and left for a sufficient time, when it is opened and the food, cooked by the retained heat, is ready to serve. Recently a Berlin company has improved upon the apparatus and produced a fireless stove that not only cooks but fries and roasts. Frying and roasting are accomplished by the use of heated stone.

OBJECTS TO GIRL DEBATER.

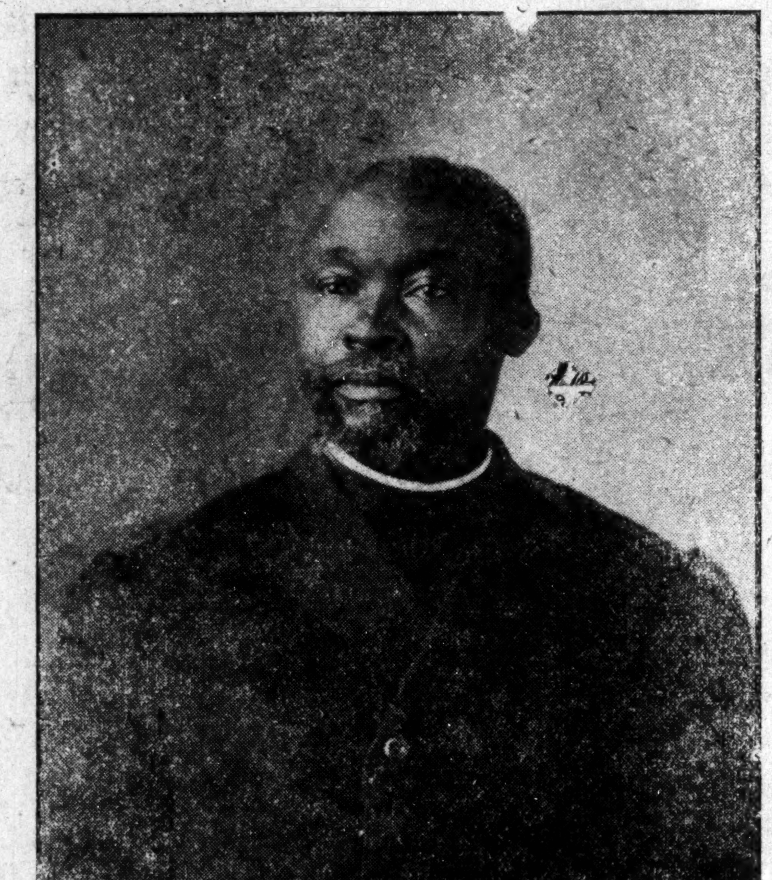
The Columbia (N. Y.) College, a white institution, debating team has formulated a protest against the selection of Miss Elizabeth A. Cook, a co-ed, of Cornell, recently chosen as a member of the Cornell debating team, which is to meet Columbia in debate, at Ithaca, February 28.

Walter B. Woodbury, president of the debating union, went so far as to say that if Miss Cook was not removed from the Cornell team, Columbia would forfeit the debate.

He said he did not wish to see women participating in contests that were intended for men.

Bread is baked in Persia from dough rolled out as thin as a pancake and as long as a towel.

A Norwegian woman physician, Dr. Julia Bang-Klinck, will be one of the first persons to spend a winter at Advent Bay, Spitzbergen. No one has been brave enough to face a winter in that place until the present year, when two mining companies decided to keep at work on the coal mines. They advertised for two doctors, and Dr. Bang-Klinck and her husband, also a physician, responded and were accepted. The mining colony will consist of about 100 persons, including seven women.



DR. T. N. M. SMITH.

The South is bent upon placing Dr. T. N. M. Smith, of Savannah, on the A. M. E. bench of bishops. Dr. Smith is an able preacher and a great leader. He stands by measures regardless of men. No man can reach him by flattery and no one can move him by fear. He is one of the finest examples of Negro manhood to be found in America. He is at home with letters, yet he is not bookish. He is a true leader of men, and is always the brother, never the boss. He was Georgia's choice for bishop at Chicago, and will be again at Norfolk. The connection has no man better fitted for the bench than Dr. Smith. We are informed that Dr. Branch has the campaign in hand. He is a skilled general and may be counted to place his forces so as to command the field at Norfolk.

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Key West, Fla., Aug. 28, 1904.
I used only one bottle of your pomade and my hair has stopped breaking off and has greatly improved. When I started using this wonderful preparation my hair was seven inches long and now it is ten inches or more. Yours truly,
214 Southard St. MINNIE FOASTER.

West Chester, Pa., Mch. 30, 1906.
I had typhoid fever and my hair all came out. I used three bottles of your pomade and now my hair is nine inches long and very thick and nice and straight. Most every one seeing how good your pomade did my hair, they too are anxious for it. My hair is an example to every one.
Yours respectfully, ELLY BYE.

Brookhaven, Miss., Aug. 13, 1898.
Gentlemen: I must confess I never tried any preparation so excellent for the hair. My hair was turning gray and was rather deadly but since I have been using your hair pomade my hair has turned black like it was when I was a girl and it has a lively, glossy color.
C. L. ROBERTS.

Colvert, Tex., Mch. 31, 1905.
I have used one bottle of your pomade and my hair is now perfectly straight, soft and black as silk. I will not be without it. RHODA EDWARDS.

Paris, Mo., July 15, 1896.
Gentlemen: When I began using your pomade my head was so bald I was ashamed of myself, but now my hair has grown three inches all over my head and I have been using it only two months. IDA PRETER.

Atlanta, Ga., June 6 1900.
Gentlemen: I have used your pomade and have found it to do more than it is recommended to do. It stops the hair from falling out and breaking off, and cleans the scalp and makes the hair soft, pliable and glossy. MAGGIE REND.

I have seen the original letters and testify to the genuineness of the statements.
ELWOOD C. KNOX, Manager, The Freeman.

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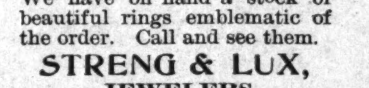

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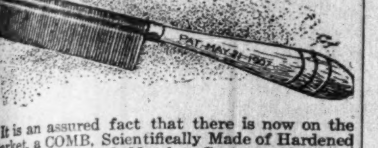

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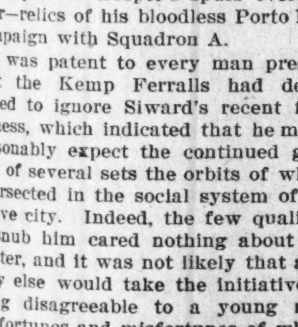
CHAPTER THREE

THE first person he encountered in the gunroom was Quarrier, who favored him with an expressionless stare, then with a bow, quite perfunctory and noncommittal. It was plain enough that he had not expected to meet Siward at Shotover House.

Kemp Ferrall, a dark, stocky, active man of forty, was in the act of draining a glass when through the bottom he caught sight of Siward. He finished in a gulp and advanced, one muscular hand outstretched. "Hello, Stephen! Heard you'd arrived, tried the Scotch and bolted with Sylvia Landis. That's all right, too, but you should have come for the opening day. Lots of native woodcock—eh, Blinky?" turning to Lord Alderdene, and again to Siward, "You know all these fellows—Mortimer yonder"— There was the slightest ring in his voice, and Leroy Mortimer, red necked, bulky and heavy eyed, emptied his glass and came over, followed by Lord Alderdene, blinking madly through his shooting goggles and showing all his teeth like a pointer with a tick. Captain Voucher, a gentleman with the vivid coloring of a healthy groom on a cold day, came up, followed by the Page boys, Willis and Gordon, who shook hands shyly, enchanted to be on easy terms with the notorious Mr. Siward. And, last of all, Tom O'Hara arrived, reeking of the saddle and clinking a pair of trooper's spurs over the floor—relics of his bloodless Porto Rico campaign with Squadron A.

It was patent to every man present that the Kemp Ferralls had determined to ignore Siward's recent foolishness, which indicated that he might reasonably expect the continued good will of several sets the orbits of which intersected in the social system of his native city. Indeed, the few qualified to snub him cared nothing about the matter, and it was not likely that anybody else would take the initiative in being disagreeable to a young man the fortunes and misfortunes of whose race were part of the history of Manhattan Island. Siwards, good or bad, were a matter of course in New York.

So everybody in the gunroom was civil enough, and he chose Scotch and found a seat beside Alderdene, who sat biting at a smoky pipe and fingering a tumbler of smokier Scotch, blinking away like mad through his shooting goggles at everybody.



Biting at a smoky pipe.

"These little brown snipe you call woodcock," he began—"we bagged nine brace, d'you see? But of all the damnable bogs and covers"—

"Rotten," said Mortimer thickly. "Ferrall, you're all calf and biceps, and it's well enough for you to go floundering into bogs."

"Oh, go and pot Beverly Plank's tame pheasants," retorted Ferrall amiably. "Captain Voucher had a blank day, but he isn't kicking."

"Not I," said Voucher. "The sport is capital if one can manage to hit the beggars."

"Oh, everybody misses in snap shooting," observed Ferrall—"that is, everybody except Stephen Siward with his unholy left barrel. Crack, and," turning to Alderdene, "it's like taking money from you, Blinky, which reminds me that we've time for a little preference before dressing."

His squinting lordship declined and took an easier position in his chair, extending a pair of little bandy legs draped in baggy tweed knickerbockers and heather spats. Mortimer, industriously distending his skin with whisky, reached for the decanter. The aromatic perfume of the spirits aroused Siward, and he instinctively nodded his desire to a servant.

"This salt air keeps one thirsty," he observed to Ferrall. Then something in his host's expression arrested the glass at his lips. He had already been

Major Belwether.

using the decanter a good deal. Except Mortimer, nobody was doing that sort of thing as freely as he.

He set his glass on the table thoughtfully. A tinge of color had crept into his lean cheeks.

Ferrall, too, suddenly uncomfortable, stood up, saying something about dressing. Several men arose a trifle stiffly, feeling in every joint the result of the first day's shooting after all those idle months. Mortimer got up, with an unfeigned groan. Siward followed, leaving his glass untouched.

One or two other men came in from the billiard room. All greeted Siward amiably, all excepting one, who may not have seen him—an elderly, pink, soft gentleman with white downy chop whiskers and the profile of a benevolent buck rabbit.

"How do you do, Mr. Belwether?" said Siward in a low voice without offering his hand.

Then Major Belwether saw him, bless you—yes, indeed! And, though Siward continued not to offer his hand, Major Belwether meant to have it, bless your heart, and he fussed and fussed and beamed cordiality until he secured it in his plump white fingers and pressed it effusively.

There was something about his soft warm hands which had always reminded Siward of the temperature and texture of a newly hatched bird. It had been some time since he had shaken hands with Major Belwether. It was apparent that the bird had not aged any.

Slipping his arm through the pivot sleeve of Lord Alderdene's shooting jacket, hooking the other in Siward's reluctant elbow and driving Mortimer ahead of him, Major Belwether went garrulously away up the stairs, his lordship's bandy little legs trotting beside him, the soaking gaiters and shoes slopping at every step.

Siward turned off down his corridor, unaware that the Sagamore pup was following close at his heels until he heard Quarrier's even, colorless voice, "Ferrall, would you be good enough to send Sagamore to your kennels?"

"Oh, he's your dog! I forgot," said Siward, turning around.

Quarrier looked at him, pausing a moment.

"Yes," he said coldly; "he's my dog."

For a fraction of a second the two men's eyes encountered; then Siward glanced at the dog and turned on his heel with the slightest shrug, and that is all there was to the incident—an anxious, perplexed puppy lugged off by a servant, turning, jerking, twisting, resisting, looking piteously back as his unwilling feet slid over the polished floor.

So Siward walked on alone through the long eastern wing to his room overlooking the sea. He sat down on the edge of his bed, glancing at the clothing laid out for him. He felt tired and disinclined for the exertion of undressing. The shades were up. Night quicksilvered the window panes so that they were like a dark mirror reflecting his face. He inspected his darkened features curiously. The blurred and somber tinted visage returned the stare.

"Not a man at all—the shadow of a man," he said aloud, "with no will, no courage, always putting off the battle, always avoiding conclusions, always skulking. What chance is there for a man like that?"

As one who raises a glass to drink wine and unexpectedly finds water, he shrugged his shoulders disgustedly and got up. A bath followed. He dressed leisurely and was pacing the room, fussing with his collar, when Ferrall knocked and entered, finding a seat on the bed.

"Stephen," he said bluntly, "I have not seen you since that break of yours at the club."

"Rotten, wasn't it?" commented Siward, tying his tie.

"Perfectly. Of course it doesn't make any difference to Grace or to me, but I fancy you've already heard from it."

"Oh, yes. All I care about is how my mother took it."

"Of course she was cut up, I suppose?"

"Yes. You know how she would look at a thing of that sort—not that any of the nine and seventy jarring sets would care, but those few thousands invading the edges, butting in, half or three-quarters inside, are the people who can't afford to overlook the victim of a fashionable club's displeasure—those and a woman like my mother and several other decent minded people who happen to count in town."

Ferrall, his legs swinging busily, thought again, then, "Who was the girl, Stephen?"

"I don't think the papers mentioned her name," said Siward gravely.

"Oh, I beg your pardon. I thought she was some notorious actress. Everybody said so. Who were those callow fools who put you up to it? Never mind if you don't care to tell. But it strikes me they are candidates for club discipline as well as you. It was up to them to face the governors, I think."

"No, I think not."

Ferrall, legs swinging busily, considered him.

"Too bad," he mused. "They need not have dropped you."

"Oh, they had to. But as long as the Lenox takes no action I can live that down."

Ferrall nodded: "I came in to say something—a message from Grace—confound it, what was it? Oh, could you—before dinner—now—just sit down and with that infernal facility of yours make a sketch of a man chasing a gun shy dog?"

"Why, yes, if Mrs. Ferrall wishes."

He walked over to the desk in his shirt sleeves, sat down, drew a blank sheet of paper toward him and, dipping his pen, drew carelessly a gun shy setter dog rushing frantically across the stubble and after him, bareheaded, gun in hand, the maddest of men.

"Put a Vandyke beard on him," grinned Ferrall over his shoulder. "There! O Lord, but you have hit it! Put a ticked saddle on the cur—there!"

"Who is this supposed to be?" began Siward, looking up. But "Wait!" chuckled his host, seizing the still wet sketch and making for the door.

Siward strolled into the bathroom, washed a spot or two of ink from his fingers, returned and buttoned his waistcoat, then, completing an unhurried toilet, went out and down the stairway to the big living room. There were a number of people there—Mrs. Leroy Mortimer, very fetching with her Japanese-like coloring, black hair and eyes that slanted just enough; Rena Bonnesdel, smooth, violet eyed, blond and rather stunning in a peculiarly innocent way; Miss Caithness, very pale and slimly attractive, and the Page boys, Willis and Gordon, delightfully shy and interested and having a splendid time with any woman who could afford the intellectual leisure.

Siward spoke pleasantly to them all. Other people drifted down—Marion Page, who looked like a schoolmarm and rode like a demon; Eileen Shannon, pink and white as a thorn blossom, with the deuce to pay lurking in her gray eyes; Kathryn Tassel and Mrs. Vendenning, whom he did not know, and finally his hostess, Grace Ferrall, with her piquant, almost boyish, freckled face and sweet, frank eyes and the figure of an adolescent.

She gave Siward one pretty sun browned hand and laid the other above his, holding it a moment in her light clasp.

"Stephen, Stephen," she said under her breath, "it's because I've a few things to scold you about that I've asked you to Shotover."

"I suppose I know," he said.

"I should hope you do. I've a letter tonight from your mother."

"From my mother?"

"I want you to go over it—with me—if we can find a minute after dinner." She released his hand, turning partly around. "Kemp, dinner's been announced, so cut that dog story in two. Will you give me your arm, Major Belwether? Howard," to her cousin Mr. Quarrier, who turned from Miss Landis to listen, "will you please try to recollect whom you are to take in—and do it?" And as she passed Siward in a low voice, mischievous and slangy, "Sylvia Landis for yours, as she says she didn't have enough of you on the cliffs."

The others appeared to know how to pair according to some previous notice. Siward turned to Sylvia Landis with the pleasure of his good fortune so plainly visible in his face that her own brightened in response.

"You see," she said gayly, "you cannot escape me. There is no use in looking wildly at Agatha Caithness"—he wasn't—"or pretending you're pleased," slipping her rounded bare arm through the arm he offered. "You can't guess what I've done tonight. Nobody can guess except Grace Ferrall and one other person. And if you try to look happy beside me I may tell you—somewhere between sherry and cognac—oh, yes, I've done two things—I have your dog for you!"

"Not Sagamore?" he said incredulously as he was seating her.

"Certainly—Sagamore. I said to Mr. Quarrier, 'I want Sagamore,' and when he tried to give him to me I made him take my check. Now you may draw another for me at your leisure, Mr. Siward. Tell me, are you pleased?" for she was looking for the troubled hesitation in his face, and she saw it dawning.

"Mr. Quarrier doesn't like me, you know"—

"But I do," she said coolly. "I told him how much pleasure it would give me. That is sufficient, is it not, for everybody concerned?"

"He knew that you meant to"—

"No; that concerns only you and me. Are you trying to spoil my pleasure in what I have done?"

"I can't take the dog, Miss Landis."

"Oh," she said, vexed, "I had no idea you were vindictive."

There was a silence. He bent forward a trifle, gravely scrutinizing a "hand painted" name card, though it might not have astonished him to learn that somebody's foot had held the brush. Somewhere in the vicinity Grace Ferrall had discovered a woman who supported dozens of relatives by painting that sort of thing for the summer residents at Vermilion Point, down the coast. So, being charitable, she left an order and, being thrifty, insisted on using the cards spite of her husband's gibes.

People were now inspecting them with more or less curiosity. Siward found his "hand painting" so unattractive that he had just tipped it over to avoid seeing it, when a burst of laughter from Lord Alderdene made everybody turn. Mrs. Vendenning was laughing; so was Rena Bonnesdel, looking over Quarrier's shoulder at a card he was holding—not one of the "hand" decorated, but a sheet of note paper containing a drawing of a man rushing after a gun shy dog.

The extraordinary cackling laughter of his lordship obliterated other sounds

Howard Quarrier.

for awhile. Rena Bonnesdel possessed herself of the drawing and held it up, amid a shout of laughter, and, to his excessive annoyance, Siward saw that unconsciously he had caricatured Quarrier, Ferrall's malicious request for a Vandyke beard making the caricature dreadfully apparent.

(Continued next week.)

A FEW DOTS--THAT'S ALL

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has given in bold figures and calculations facts that go to show that we are just dumping money through that department to the secretary and his board simply because we have not got sense enough to stop. If we will keep intact this department, let us put it on its own merits—give it to some such man as R. D. Stinson, of Georgia, who will not only pay his salary by his own efforts, but bring thousands of dollars to the various schools throughout the church.

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Bishop W. D. Derrick upon his return from Africa will be prepared to give the church much data and information concerning our work over there. Those of the church who know Bishop Derrick, his positive methods, straight forwardness in business and his love for the church in foreign fields are satisfied that they will be prepared to vote intelligently when his report is made. We await his return before we say anything further concerning missionary bishops or the necessity for their election. We will say this much, however, in case that it develops that his report will cause the necessity of an election for a missionary bishop for South Africa, and we see the necessity of one for West Africa, then J. Albert Johnson, a delegate from the Baltimore conference, and R. H. Singleton, a delegate from the Georgia conference, are the men who should be elected.

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Whatever our minds may be regarding the African question, or rather the work and development of our church in Africa, you can rest assured that Bishop Derrick will throw such light upon the subject as will give us an opportunity so as to make no mistake.

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The following lines appeared in The Freeman of January 11 from the pen of that erudite quill man, Col. R. W. Thompson, in his weekly quotations, "Short Flights": "Rev. J. G. Robinson, of Georgia, Kentucky and Ohio, is out of the race for editor of the Christian Recorder for reasons best known to himself." I wish to say that our good friend Mr. Thompson, who, by the way, seems to be immaculate regarding the doings of the fourth coming General Conference, and the men who will be elevated to general positions, has by some mysterious mishap lost his vision. I am in the race for the editorship of the Christian Recorder to stay until the last ballot is cast and the last vote is counted and the successful man is declared elected. No, I am not out of the race. What reason has dawned upon my vision and dashed itself to the "Short Flights" of Mr. Thompson? The reason, whatever it may be, has never settled itself upon my mind. The Christian Recorder should be read by at least 25,000 African Methodists. And it is begging the question with the great following we have as a church to have an editor who can serve four years without bringing up such a subscription list. Heavens alive! I am pastoring Eaker Street Church in Dayton, Ohio; I edit a little weekly church bulletin, I edit a little weekly political publication, and I pay all of my bills and have received in about twelve weeks several hundred subscribers. What could I do if I had 800,000 members behind me?

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One of the needed legislation of the coming General Conference will be the establishment of a department to stimulate a healthier sentiment for a ministry educated for and by our own church. The plan proposed by the Rev. T. J. Askew, D. D., and sanctioned and indorsed by Bishop Derrick, is the most feasible proposition ever offered to give our church a thorough educated Methodistic ministry, in harmony with the policy and genius of African Methodism. Dr. Askew proposes the establishment of a Student Aid Department and making it imperative that all students received in any of our theological departments have the sanction of this department, and said department is to be supported by a percentage of the general funds, bequests, donations and appropriations by annual conferences, etc.

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Dr. G. W. Porter of Memphis, Tenn., solicits correspondence regarding our Home Missionary work. I wish to say that in the management of our Home Missionary funds we are throwing thousands of dollars to the winds just as we are in some other department of our church. Instead of giving $5.00 and $10.00 at the annual conferences, if we would put our mission work on a rated and graded basis, and close the door of our annual conferences against ministerial humbugs, and have larger mission charges, and better men in the pastorate of them, and make quarterly payment to those who fail to receive their salary per discipline, you will see the work grow and our church will blossom as a rose.

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Well, wise men change. The more one travels, or rather the more I travel and come in contact with our people in these large centers and note the decreasing influence of the Methodist preacher because of short pastorate, I am convinced that our time limit should be removed. Not the itinerant system blotted out, but let the law be fixed so that itineracy will not force a man away from a charge so long as his influence for good is operating to the uplift of the entire community.

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Take off your glasses and hold your eyes close to this article, and read this list of names, viz: Parks, Chappelle, Lampton, H. T. Johnson, Conner, Flipper, Joshua H. Jones, G. W. Gaines, Roberts, J. Albert Johnson, Gilleslee, T. N. M. Smith, T. W. Henderson, L. H. Reynolds, Herald Singleton, Leak, Mixon—gentlemen, take these names, look over them and see who will be our next bishops. The bunch is in this list. At present it looks as though we will elect six.

General officers: Here's my ticket whether I get a vote for Christian Recorder or not. For business manager, J. H. Corlett, D. D.; for editor of the Christian Recorder, J. G. Robinson, D. D.; for financial secretary, E. W. Lee, D. D.; for missionary secretary, J. W. Rankin, D. D.; for editor of the A. M. E. Review, nobody; we ought to let the editor of the Recorder and manager of the Book Concern get out this publication; for secretary of the Church Extension Department, B. F. Watson, D. D.; for secretary of the Sunday School Union, J. M. Henderson, A. M.; for secretary of education, nobody; we ought to discontinue this department, and run our schools by local boards of education and let these thousands of dollars that are uselessly dumped to the winds through this department go to strengthen the proposed Student Aid Society for the education of our ministers. For editor of the Southern Christian Recorder, G. W. Allen, D. D., but let him carry the office to Atlanta, Ga., where we have a great printing plant in Morris Brown College; for secretary of the Allen Christion Endeavor Society, M. W. Thornton, D. D.; for secretary of the Preachers' Aid Society, N. B. Stewart, D. D.; for church historian, Rt. Rev. H. M. Turner, D. D., LL. D.

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I have written complimentary of other candidates for these places, candidates who are just as worthy as those I named in the above ticket, but this ticket simply happens to be my choice I will in future articles, as I have in the past, speak of the claims of other men with as much vigor as I do those named in my ticket.

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Dr. W. D. Chappelle, our great and fearless champion of equal rights, who is at the head of our Sunday School Union, deserves special congratulations for what he has done at Nashville. It is a fact that he has given more material wealth to our connectional church life than any other man during the same period of his encumbrance as a general officer. Make him bishop anyhow.

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Congress wasn't looking for a second shower bath; it squirmed taking its douche with ill grace.

Between the weather and the coal man, life is not a pleasant dream. But who dares complain after our long respite from chill and quinine?

Governor Hughes, of New York, made a clear-cut speech in outlining his views. It is clear that he is not a man of many words. He goes at what he wants to say at once, leaving no doubt of his position. He entertains the views of all just men, differing from Mr. Roosevelt mainly in assertiveness.

Reduced rates of one and one-third fare, plus twenty-five cents, on the certificate plan have been secured over railway lines south of the Ohio and Potomac and east of the Mississippi rivers, for the Negro Conference at Tuskegee, February 19 and 20. Be sure to ask for a certificate when purchasing ticket.

It will be remembered that Mr. Rockefeller said that he was simply a trustee of the funds of the widows and orphans; he was not taken seriously. Governor Hughes says that great fines do not strike those for whom intended as much as they do the great body of shareholders; it appears that these great minds run in the same channel.

Judge Roby said many excellent things before the colored Y. M. C. A. last Sunday afternoon. If we can hold fast to the friends we are gaining and continually gain others, it will be only a question of time when the victory will be won. In the meanwhile it will become the race to become more conventional, lopping off decided race peculiarities, thus giving no excuse for opposition and iscrimination.

Dr. W. H. Anderson, of Evansville, delivered an address at the Shiloh Baptist Church, last Friday evening, on "Negro Criminality." He touched on the influence of crime on the community, on others urging that the colored people be extremely circumspect. Much valuable advice was given. Statistics were also given showing the progress already made and which set at naught some if the adverse criticisms. These achievements he felt should inspire the race, deter crime and lead on to the more perfect day.

The assassination of the King and Crown Prince of Portugal was a very deplorable happening. The king's enemies accused him of indifference to the needs of the state, neglecting its affairs, that he might have more time for personal enjoyment, and this at the expense of the national treasury. He was of education and refinement. These good qualities, however, did not outweigh the heavy burden of taxation that was borne by the people of the little kingdom. But assassination is a frightful alternative. It seems that there could be other means of ridding the country of an oppressive ruler.

It is reported from New York that the boot-blacking privileges in a new building in the metropolis has been leased for twelve years at $10,000 a yeyar. How many of us realize what that means? It means that the concentration of business population on that one little spot of the earth's surface is so great that the mere privilege, exclusive, of blacking their boots, is worth $10,000 a year over and above the cost of doing the work. But how is that privilege secured? By monopoly of that little spot of land. In other words, nearly all of this sum is ground rent—for the structure or building accommodations are slight. Here then is a piece of land about big enough for a farmer's kitchen, which is worth a good deal more than two score first rate farms with all their improvements.

The President had much to say concerning the work of the Interstate Commerce Commission, not the least of which was defining the limitations of its work. Rate regulation and other duties incident to traffic were freely admitted. He did not say that it was empowered to "sit" on the rights of citizens. We have said that this extra officialism did not affect anything since the states were standing pat and the Supreme Court has not seen fit to rule adversely. Since he was talking right out in meeting he might have injected a little ego right along here, and also outlined a policy. Then, too, the very important thing of voting qualifications might have had an inning just to make things interesting. Plenty of rights are yet asleep, plenty of wrongs wide awake. A mention of them will say that we are at least not forgotten.

Ray Stanard Baker's observations and reflections on the colored people of Indianapolis does not strike us as being without bias. "Following the color line" out not mean setting out the meanest conditions. The Negro race is not long on prosperity, but it is much "longer" than Baker would have it appear. The inhabitants of the Sandwich Islands, picking up a copy of the magazine containing his article, would not have a good opinion of the colored people of Indianapolis. Probably Mr. Baker did not have any such far-fetched views. He is not asked to paint conditions as the "gaudy painted tenement houses" he speaks of, but he is asked to give the plain facts in the case. If he would present a hovel as an example of a Negro home, consistency suggests that he put beside it one of the best homes just to average up the situation.

Booker T. Washington, speaking of the approaching annual Negro Conference at Tuskegee, says: "The Annual Sessions of the Tuskegee Negro Conference accomplish incalculable good. They bring together the people of the Black Belt of the South for earnest discussion of their needs. Encouragement is afforded, weak points shown, and much done in the direction of showing the people how they can make their burdens less heavy."

He has set forth the advantages of the conference in a general way. Those that have attended them, have profited largely through counsel, exchange of opinions, and so forth, all of which make for the greater outlook in life. In fact, the Negroes will find these conferences especially essential, since they are shut in from contact in the best sense with the general agencies that make for higher life. Those agencies are the great lecture courses, trade organizations with their conventions, the theaters presenting the best, the thoroughly equipped technical schools with their formidable array of professors, and other influences yet that are as an everlasting impress on the white people. If they fail, it is not owing to lack of opportunity. The Negroes must find substitutes for these advantages if they would keep in sight.

The conferences have done much towards "distributing" valuable information to those that attend,a nd which could not have been gotten otherwise. Here great economical problems along useful lines have been worked out in laboratory, in shop and field, in the practice rooms of the normal departments; everywhere. Here also are the teachers and workers from other fields, many of whom have had peculiar advantages, have gained valuable experiences and information, all of this goes to make up the Negro conference at Tuskegee. Date of conference February 19 and 20.

MEETING OF COLORED CITIZENS.

Friday evening of last week a meeting was held in the Sumner League Club, and under the auspices of that organization for the object of getting a better understanding of the political situation as it concerns the colored voters of this city. The meeting was considered representative, a colored citizens' meeting; many being present who were not members of the club, as well as a large representation of the club's membership.

Several speeches were made that showed considerable liberal thought, giving evidence of a kind of political unrest. These views were applauded and sanctioned by the majority, who want it understood that they were the sense of the meeting. It was brought out that party regularity did not mean as much as it had in the past. The contention was for a better recognition and according to strength of the colored people was cited as a measure of what was due them. It was shown that this strength had been studiously disregarded for years. They insisted that it was time to look into matters themselves. They felt that representation was due in state affairs, where there is none whatever, and that it be more general in all institutions controlled by the party.

Several committees were appointed, which will have charge of work that tend to the ends outlined in the meeting.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The most that can be truthfully said against the President's last message to congress is that it is of vigorous language, perhaps more vigorous in expression than any of the previous messages. Some think to see pique in it all, or at least the spirit of retaliation owing to the reflections and criticisms indulged in. In the last message he exalts the law—it is the sum of his "sinning." In holding the law high up and so persistently, many feel that is no less than a general arraignment of all big concerns—trust and railroad corporations for corrupt business practices, when of course many of them are honestly conducted. The President says private individuals might talk to the great concerns infinitely, as men have done, causing not a ripple on the front of affairs, but when Roosevelt, the President, speaks, it is quitea different thing. It is the importance of the office that counts. Guarded language has been the course of most of th ePresident's even when discussing positive evils. Mr. Roosevelt is loquacious, but is armed in the cause of right; it is this loquacity that gets him the ill will of many who feel that the President should be extremely reserved, merely hinting at the wrongs, leaving it to congress to take the initiative.

His exposition of what has been held wrong practices is in line with the thought and the activity of democracy, which has always been opposed to great financial combines and high finances of the hurtful nature, and which common people and the masses can not readily understand. Populism is also in accord and consequently he does not reckon without his host. But Mr. Roosevelt or whoever will find that government are not perfect, nor judicial benches, and power of capital which if it chooses can stand the nation on its head. It is another case of acknowledging the all insufficiency of man-made laws unless the stronger forces support them. We have the same condition in the race question where sentiment outruns the laws. And apparently the only thing to do is to work for the end, enduring whatever is, in the meanwhile.

JUDGE ROBY AT THE Y. M. C. A.

Judge Frank S. Roby, in addressing the colored Y. M. C. A. last Sunday, had much to say that was hopeful and cheerful. He spoke in the main along Y. M. C. A. lines, calling attention to passing opportunities, insisting that they could not be recalled, and that they should be seized at the proper time. "Vice destroys character," he said, and thi mant the loss of self-respect, misery and degredation—the police station, the criminal court, the jail, the penitentiary, the hospital, the blind asylum and finally the potter's field. Much more harm is entailed, the judge insisted; by the wrong-doing of fathers, working its way down to innocent children. "Virtue," he said, "brings happiness," and all of those things that attend her ways.

Judge Roby expressed himself in a liberal way towards those that have right character, insisting that right-minded men never fail to respond to right-mindedness when it is recognized. His optimism was further expressed as follows: "The limitations of race and nationality, color and creed are rapidly disappearing. Opportunity offers itself to all," said the speaker. Those may embrace it who care to do so, and such distinction and position will be attained by each one as is within the power of his manhood. This is freedom. It opens no smooth, level way for tender feet to tread. There are no pillows of down. No lazy ease for any one. Life is a never-ceasing struggle."

The judge spoke of the political advantages in Indiana, where all could vote. He advised such action as to prevent the jeopardy or defeat. He laid stress on the educational side. "Education is the antidote to ignorance," said he. Much valuable advice was given along this line, mentioning Booker T. Washington's great work. Finally he paid respects to his manner of man, the kind ti whom he doffs his hat. His is not necessarily the rich and the great, but worthy, unselfish individual who finds it a pleasure to work in humble fields for the uplift of mankind.

RAMBLINGS.

"Jim Crow" cars in British India; now are we the "finalty" of creation? Misery loves company, so 'tis said. And yet we should not take comfort of the woes of others, and still it is a sort of relief to know that one is not alone in the wide, wide world. The "iniquities" are not North—gut we are no Cains if we are wise—being, to some extent our brother's keepers. It was that dear lamented man, Abraham Lincoln, who said, in speaking of the South: "Their griefs are mine; when they are struck down, I also bleed with them," and yet he had his work to do. Many a time one will imagine that the man cried out beyond the spirit, asking that the "cup" pass from him.

But his work was mapped out; it was humanity in either event. He stuck to the road that had fairer prospect, brighter visions in the end.

This is far-fetched from "Jim Crow" cars in India, but it reflects the human mind at times leading from one thought to another, more or less connected—rambling, wandering as it is with the herds of the plains, cropping the rich offerings here and there, and then returning again—a mental freedom where the mind browses on the mental wilds—stumbling on Hebe's sweets without order or aware.

Then returning to Indio. We are not joyful in knowing that that dark people know the frown of disregard. And yet they have been no slaves; they are intelligent, the higher orders are wealthy and refined. And does not this say something in behalf of our own country whose blacks are Africans, not Indians, who were slaves of the centuries not free, who were poor and humble, not rich and opulent? This has in mind putting our own country in the best light possible. For where else will we learn patriotism except through exaltation, nor life, nor death should divorce us from the love of our country—ours, yet though the white man says it is his. And we will greatly err if we acknowledge any such only claim. We will not be defeated by our patrimony—come what will.

Thus when we go to England, France, Germany or Russia, we will put on the best face possible, telling of the grander achievements at home. We will be all smiles, all praise, making those wish that they were of such a country. It is not false; it is not vicious; it is the heart of the patriot abroad. It is what exists by the laws in general—every right conceded, every privilege enjoyed and the rest of it. On coming home we will return to the ranks and fight like—— for the glories spoken of and that are in abeyance awaiting the day of the fulfillment. That's your patriot—none other country is quite so good as mine own.

"Jim Crow" cars are not without some reason! Their operations do strike at Negro manhood, since all are classed as one. Instead of classing all, the bad people and all the good, the other thing is done—classify races. And yet it is not a hard condition if the colored people were given better accommodation. And here let us be honest as we are so often when the white man is not looking, when we so boldly assert that in some sections and in some instance the separate car is a necessity; it is the hurting part. The single necessity makes the rule general; we help to do it, unconsciously albeit. Still, let us stand up for the best country in all the world for Negro opportunity. We contend that black races are entitled to the common good, but what about that which faces us—it's no dream, nor idle man's tale. Stern reality is it, and which must be softened by the higher laws of merit and worth, which mock the rules of physical might

DALLAS, TEXAS.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harriway are the parents of a new arrival at their home.

Capt. A. A. Hudson, the well-known drillman, passed away in Denver last Sunday.

The Poll Tax Club did some good work in explaining the many features about the coming elections and the need of being active men with a poll tax receipt.

When will the well-dressed loafers of this city get busy at something for a living besides getting suckers. We have too large a number of young men who would rather stay in the pool room from opening in the morning until closing at night rather than have a good-paying job of work.

Cecil and Damis, the two well-known baseball magnates in this part, are calling players together for the coming season.

There is a movement on in the State to organize a club league of the best players.

The white Methodists of this city donated $400 to the building fund of Evening Chapel A. M. E. Church, corner Boll and Juliett streets.

The Daily Metropolitan, published by John Quincy Tyler and others, is daily shooting at idlers of our race. Hard times and little business have caused several shakedowns here in business circles.

Don't fail to have the cash ready for the paper when it comes. These dull, hard times demand only cash considerations.

John N. Collins is now at 108 Preston street, where a full line of drinks will be served all patrons.

Mrs. J. H. Anderson is now located at 533 Elm street.

The Diamond tailor, Lane street, asks a trial order.

Mr. T. H. Walker made a flying trip to Austin on business.

All K. of P. lodges in Texas are busying themselves just now.

The Woodmen lodges of the city are growing in members and finance. Their smoker and installation Thursday night at their hall was largely attended and several good speeches were made.

Home buying still goes on at a lively rate.

D. F. Powell, the livery man, is pushing his business and has promise of a good year.

We have much sickness here. Every colored doctor is kept busy day and night.

The wife of Mr. Richard Bowens died recently and was buried under the auspices of the B. & B. of K. from St. James A. M. E. Church.

Mothers, keep your girls at home and from that section called "The Black Desert of Dallas." It is ruining many homes.

CONCERNING NEGROES OF THE SOUTH.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 26, 1908.

To The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Friends:—I would like to make just a few brief remarks concerning the Negroes of the South in general. Now about the lynchings and the lynchers. Dear readers, I am a Southern man and I've bought a home there in the city of Jacksonville and the State of Florida.

I was carried there the year of 1887 by my father, Steaven Hamilton. After my mother's death. Roselean Hamilton died in Philadelphia, Pa. We then went South and my father sent me to a private school, to Mrs. M. E. C. Smith, and as small as I was I noticed that once in a while she would read a paper at that time called the Florida Herald. I would notice now and then while she proceeded to read that tears would chase each other down her cheeks.

So I asked her one day to tell me why she cried when she read the paper. She said they were always lynching some poor, innocent colored man. So from that time I watched the situation of the subject and I have found since that, until now, that it is not the Negroes who commit all the crimes and brutal assaults. There are six out of eight that is a white man in a Negro impersonated. He has made a habitual habit in a practical study of a poor old Southern Negro. Then the first Negro that is arrested they will say that he is the one, and that's why he is lynched. Instead f the white Negro being lynched it is the poor, down-trodden, black Negro. Now I don't mean to say that it is always the case, but I will say without prevaricating, it is, six out of eight cases, it is a white man and not a colored man. In order to avod such happenings let us consider ourselves a race and go to the front and appoint a committee and work hard for the government to colonize the colored race and give them a country to themselves as they did to the Indians. Starting the colony in a new country like Oklahoma, and then I think the lynchers will be at a loss for something to do.

Yours respectfully,
JAMES WESLEY HAMILTON.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.

Hortense Beard, the little granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Allen, is ill at the home of her grandparents on East Euclid avenue.—Edward Washington, one of our best known young men, died very suddenly last week of heart trouble. He was a member of Mystery Lodge No. 45, K. of P., and will be greatly missed by his many acquaintances, who, with his mother and a sister, mourn his loss.—Mrs. Louise Hamilton, P. W. C., and Mrs. Jennie Stowers, W. C., are the delegates to Grand Court at Youngstown, Ohio, from Victory Court No. 42.—Mr. Frank Oglsby is very ill at his home with bronchitis.—Last week Josephine, the wife of Clarence Jackson, died, leaving a six-year-old boy and a week old baby girl. She was buried from North Street A. M. E. Church. Rev. Gasoway, the pastor, who had known Mrs. Jackson since childhood, spoke words of condolence to the bereaved husband and brothers.—Mme. Henrietta G. Williams and her concert company will play Cedarville next week, a two-night stand.—Donations are coming in for the C. Y. W. C. A., at the Golden Rule Cottage on South Peuter street. The Home Telephone Company has given the home a phone, which we are proud to mention.—Mrs. Arthur Riggs is ill at her home in Kiser street, with la grippe.

RACE GLEANINGS

Gilbert H. Harris, colored, conducts the largest wig-making establishment in the New England States.

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T. H. Raymond, a Negro, does a larger business than any other real estate dealer in Cambridge, Mass.

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W. R. Page is in the real estate and insurance business at Orange, N. J., and is also a notary public for the state.

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It is said that J. H. Lewis, colored, owns one of the chief merchant tailoring stores in the city of Boston, with location on Washington St., which rents for $10,000 a year.

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During the week beginning January 20, the Baptist State Convention of Arkansas, held its annual meeting at Pine Bluff. A very large number of Baptists attended the meeting.

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The Mississippi Conference of the A. M. E. Church, held its meeting at Jackson, Miss., during the week of January 20, and admitted William A. Oats, June Williams and Edward Ford in full membership.

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The Mound Bayou (Miss.) Business League is improving the county roads entering Mound Bayou, so that farmers may not be interrupted in reaching the city. It has also undertaken to build a $1000,000 oil mill.

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A certain Dallas colored minister whose congregation was tardy in raising his accustomed allowance last Sunday, said to the brethren by way of admonition: "Bredeeren, you must 'member I can't preach here and board in heaven."

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The annual report of the directors of the Texas State Fair just given out, shows that the institution have taken in at its last meet $237,819.75. The balance on hand in cash is $93,753.50. Here is a Dallas enterprise which has made a showing.

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There were in 1900, 372,414 Negroes who owned their own homes; 8.41 per cent. of them over 10 years of age are working. Still there are those who prate of the Negro loafer. There are 800,000 professional white tramps in America who never work.

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Dr. R. J. Cole, of Philadelphia, Pa., who has been superintendent of the Home for Colored Women and Children, of Washington, D. C., for a number of year and has so acceptably filled the position, has resigned to accept a position at her home.

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Dr. Lon G. Broughton, pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle, Atlanta, Ga., has accepted the invitation to deliver the commencement address at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., May 24. Hon. Charles W. Anderson, collector of internal Revenue, New York, is to deliver the commencement address May 28.

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After prosecuting Mrs. Hattie Washington, of Prospect Hill, St. Louis County, Missouri, and having her fined $1 and costs, a few days ago, Justice Werrenmeyer at Clayton for stealing his dog, Thomas Fisher, of St. Louis, one of the prosecuting witnesses, paid her fine and costs, and in addition gave $1 for the return of the dog, whose possession she still retained.

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Advice from Kestler, Ga., where a Negro secret society hall was blown to atoms with dynamite several days ago, say two other halls near Kestler were dynamited. At least five halls have been demolished within a month. The Negroes are in terror, as they believe white men are dynamiting the halls on account of the difficulty in procuring labor, which is charged to the influence of the secret societies.

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Chester W. Keatts, national grand master of the Mosaic Templars of America, died Friday, January 24, at Little Rock, Ark. Keatts was well known among both whites and blacks and held many prominent positions during his life. He was once messenger for the United States Court of Appeals and about ten years ago was appointed receiver of the Little Rock Traction and Street Railway. He gave bond for $40,000 and entered upon his duties.

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Register W. T. Vernon, who went to North Carolina to make a speech, on his return home presented himself at the window of the Pullman parlor car and asked for a Pullman ticket. A little rebel upstart refused him a ticket, and said he did not sell "Niggers" tickets. Register Vernon presented the insult, presented his card to an older man in the ticket office, and demanded a Pullman ticket. He received his ticket amidst the cheers of the crowd of whites and blacks who heard and saw the black Rossius.

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Father John Burke, who established the colored Catholic parish in New York, has been made director-general of Negro missions in the South. Father Burke has issued a bulletin to the clergy of this country, in which he says that "not more than half of nearly 9,000,000 of colored people have ever been baptized; that fully 4,000,000 of them belong to no church and profess no creed; that to multitudes of them the teachings of the Catholic Church are a sealed book; that in the Southern States there are more than 1,000,000 children who never enter a schoolroom, because there is no school within reach, and finally that less than 200,000 are Catholics."

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Leavenworth, Kan., Special.—A mob of 30 soldiers from Fort Leavenworth, enraged by their suspicions concerning the death of a comrade, whose body was found in a burning building in the tenderloin Sunday morning, Jan. 12, and by assaults on other of their comrades, raided the Gem resort here to-night, driving out the inmates and demolishing the building. The crowd of soldiers surrounded the place and gathering rocks from the street broke down the doors. The occupants of the house escaped uninjured. The mob entered the building and exhausted its fury on the contents. None of the soldiers are known to the police and no arrests have been made.

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Boston Special.—A call for a meeting of colored citizens to be held at Philadelphia on April 7, was sent out to-day to representative colored men all over the country by Rev. William H. Scott, president of the Suffrage League of Boston and vicinity; Bishop Alexander Walters, president of the National Afro-American Council, and William Monroe Trotter, president of the New England Constitution and Suffrage League. The call says the conference is to have special reference to demands to be made of political parties as to platforms for the next national election and to determine what candidates for the presidential nomination most deserve the support of the colored voters.

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Mr. P. W. Chavers, editor of the Columbus Standard World, will begin shortly an extensive tour of the cities of America and the Old World in search of information to be used in a history of the Negro, which he contemplates writing in the near future. He states that it is his purpose to touch upon every phase of life affecting the Negro people in all parts of the globe, hoping thereby to be able to point to a more hopeful solution of all the problems confronting the people of the Negro race. He has recommendations from prominent state officials of Ohio and in other ways has received substantial encouragement in the effort. He has associated with him in the work, Mr. Horace D. Slater, the well-known newspaper correspondent.

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The eleventh annual meeting of the American Negro Academy was held in the main building of Howard University. The general subject for discussion was "The Physical Aspect of the Negro in America." Professor J. E. Aggrey, of Livingstone University, read a paper on "Physical Characteristic of the Native of the West Coast of Africa"; Dr. Joseph J. France, of Portsmouth, Va., spoke on "Susceptibility of the Negro to Certain Diseases in Virginia," and Dr. S. C. Fuller, pathologist of the hospital for the insane, at Westboro, Mass., told of "The Insane Among Negroes of Massachusetts and Their Ratio to Population." Professor Archibald H. Grimke, of Boston, presided, and delivered an instructive annual address. The academy is made up of Negro scholars, and their annual meetings are productive of much good. Professor J. W. Cromwell, principal of Banneker School of Washington, is corresponding secretary, and arranged the details of the meeting.

JUDGE FRANK ROBY SPEAKS

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point the right way in the next? Those who get Christ in their hearts are very apt to go about doing good. They are apt to sympathize with those who are in sorrow, to encourage those who fail, to be charitable and just and kind, and to help one another.

I want to tell you here and now that the people to whom I take off my hat, in whose presence I feel my own unworthiness are not the rich and the great, selfish and narrow; but those who have place and power for a fleeting moment. There is nothing in them to abash me; but to the unselfish men and women who spend their days in works of charity and love; to the worker in the slum; those who nurse the sick and comfort the afflicted; to such as Mr. Taylor here, ever ready with encouragement and advice, giving his time and himself up to the Master's work—to such as these, the salt of the earth, I do humble reverence.

PRESCOTT, ARIZ.

Ed. Holinwell has sold out his second-hand store and is giving his attention to his mones.—E. M. Garritt invites his friends to call at his well-appointed 8-chair barber shop.—Mrs. Ervin were hunting last Sunday.—Mr. and Mrs. King have returned home from Los Angeles, Cal.—The Depot Barber Shop is still run by W. D. Alexander with two first-class artists and Baby Angel, the champion of bootblacks

The Four Creole Belles are still pleasing theatre-goers of foreign lands.

George Crump, the cornetist, is not dead as was reported. The deceased was his son, George Jr.

Le Roy Bland is at the Crystal Theatre at Chicago this week, and is booked solid in that city to March 9. Regards to the profession.

The Marinelli Agency has booked Thompson's Elephants to open at the Wintergarten, Berlin, August 17. The act will be seen in London in the fall.

Since it is leap year will there be many marriages among the profession? Will the many "Romeos" be compelled to recognize their "affinities"?

Eugene Clark is now ill at Louisville, Ky. He sends his regards to his old friends Sam Lucas and Wesley Jenkins, and the entire bunch with the Cole & ohnson show.

The American Jubilee Singers under the management of Daniel W. Brown will leave shortly for a European tour. Mr. Brown was the leading tenor of the original Fisk Jubilee Singers.

Miss Huldie Hicks has returned to Louisville, having been called there on account of the illness of her mother, who at this time is much improved. She is also preparing some songs for the summer season. Regards to Miss Nellie Taylor.

Jolly John Larkins, who was seen with the Black Patti Troubadours, is now in vaudeville and was seen at the Gotham, Brooklyn, recently. The critics speak quite hopeful of his act and he will no doubt occupy a place among the "enviable" before the close of the season.

The Sterling Jubilee Concert Company filled a week's engagement in Indiana, making Indianapolis their headquarters, and met with unusual success. The members are as follows: Wm. Dixon, manager and first bass; Mrs. Electro Page Perry, soprano; Mrs. Lottie Spencer, contralto; Mrs. Lorine Wilson, pianist; W. H. Spencer, first tenor; Charles Alexander, second tenor; Major Daniels, second bass.

FIDDLER AND SHELTON.

Fiddler and Shelton are appearing at the Grand Theatre, Marion, Ind., this week. Last week they were at South Bend, playing to packed houses. A paper of that city says:

"A close second to this is the artistic musical act given by Fiddler and Shelton, two Indianapolis colored men who have solved the problem of condensing a whole lot of entertainment in a few moments. Mr. Shelton has been in South Bend before, his orchestra played at a series of dances given here several years ago and his piano playing now is thoroughly enjoyable. His partner, Fiddler, has a wonderful facial expression and a good singing voice. His act pleases immensely."

NEGRO MUSICIANS TO PLAY IN GERMANY.

Twenty-Five Musicians Will Go to Berlin.

A colored troupe of twenty-five of the best Negro musicians in the United States have been organized by Dial & Armstrong of New York. Through Levey & Lykens it has been booked for Berlin by the H. B. Marinelli Agency. The company will open in the German city on May 18.

This is going to be somewhat of a surprise to the professional world, as it is known that Berlin is greatly populated with many of the finest musicians on the globe. It is a sure thing that these musicians will have to be indeed very clever in order to make good in such a country. They should be masters of the popular airs and should not attempt anything in the opera line, for Negro melodies will be fit enough for any ear on foreign shores. Their appearance in Berlin will be a sort of an introduction of the Negro as a musician to musical Europe, and it is hoped that they will make good. As to who will head the organization, it has not yet been learned, but I am glad to say that we have now a goodly number of competent conductors to pick from.

CHARLES D. MARSHALL.

THE TRAMP SOCIAL CLUB AT NEW ORLEANS.

The Tramps Social Club at New Orleans is an organization composed of performers, some of the best artists in the country. They give balls and shows to replenish the treasury in order to assist in caring for the sick and burying the dead. At this time the Ladies Auxiliary is preparing for their Pink Domino Ball which will take place February 17 in honor of the Black Patti Troubadours. The ladies will wear pink costumes and the gentlemen will wear pink ties. The ladies will also give a minstrel at an early date.

The club apartments are nicely furnished. There is a reading room, pol room, dance hall, bath, dining room, kitchen and a phone. The members are: S. Beasley, president; P. Steele, vice-president; W. Tray, recording secretary; L. Smith, treasurer; V. Washington, financial secretary; R. Leblane, Viola Banard, Ella Lawrence, A. Manuel, Ruby Aller, Sarah Collins, Phelomine Holmes, Lizzie Green, Callie Jackson, Paul Steele, Mary Richardson, F. Bettran, H. Harris, Celestine Dedo, E. Smith, L. Hunt, M. Brady, A. Brady, G. Coffey, D. Vanglew, W. Monroe, R. Harris, E. Burke, J. Lapiere, R. Stannard, A. Holmes, Ida Joseph and Laura S. Logan, the directress of amusements, and who is also a song writer.

THE EMPIRE THEATRE.

The attraction at the Empire Theatef the first three days of next week will be the Dreamland Burlesquers, headed by the well-known author-composer-comedian, Dave Marion. Every performer on the roster is a first-class artist and with a lavish expenditure of money on the mounting and costuming, the Dreamlands should afford a rare treat to the patrons of the above theatre.

The piece de resistance is an elabrate musical extravaganze entitled "Newport," from the pen of Dave Marion, who personally staged the production. The company is a very capable one and includes people who have become favorites in burlesque, being headliners and favorites in this class of houses.

The feminine portion of the organization will surpass in loveliness any other company on the road. There are twenty in number and it is calculated that the many pretty girls will add additional attractiveness by appearing in a series of most catchy musical numbers handsomely costumed, making no less than a dozen changes during the action of the extravaganza.

The attraction the last half of the week will be the well-known Kentucky Belles company, appearing in the musical comedy "Mr. Wise of Broadway." The company is headed by Sheppard Camp, well known as a composer, author and comedian, who handles the title role. Jim Diamond, the Eddie Foy of burlesque; Any McLeod, and others of equal reputation assist Mr. Camp. There is a strong olio of vaudeville pieces, and a big chorus of girls in handsome costumes. The song numbers are all original. Chooceeta, the dancer, is an extra attraction with the company.

MARSHALL PLANTATION COMEDY COMPANY.

Everybody with the company is well and getting along fine. We will play Tampa, Fla., in February for about three weeks; then to Key West. Mr. Webb Williams is making a big hit singing "My Ever Loving, Spooning Sam." Mrs. Vida Devine is cleaning up singing "Just Help Yourself." Master Joe Green is taking the house by storm every night singing "Do Ree Me So." Mrs. Gracie Amte's latest is "Oh, I Am Going Back to Chicago." Luke Javlin still holds his own. Billy Amte, the "North Carolina Sunbeam," will be seen this season with Leon W. Marshall Plantation Comedy Company, thirty people, under canvas, show. Will open April 10. He sends best regards to Tom Logan, R. G. Lowery and all old friends. Would like to hear from Morse Harris. Write me at The Freeman at once.

Eugene Mikell has charge of band and orchestra. I wish you could hear this little ragtime band; only twelve people in it.

BILLY AMTE.

COLE AND JOHNSON'S "SHOO-FLY REGIMENT."

While in Louisville Mr. Wm. Phelps resided with his sister, Mrs. Burton, 920 Magizine street. A family reunion all the week.

Ask Harry Gant and Sam Lucas if they can play whist. You have the answer you have heard before. Once upon a time—the best in the world.

Lieut. Pankey became a very prominent figure in Frankfort, Ky., when the company appeared there Saturday, January 26. He visited the State Penitentiary, where he became the good Samaritan. He took with him a box of cigars and a pocket full of change, which he distributed among the unfortunate convicts.

Naturally the ladies of the institution became quite interested in Mr. Pankey and gave him a concert, among their big hits being "Congo Love Song" and "Let It Alone."

Mr. Pankey left contented with the thought that there were only nine more colored convicts than white, something unusual in the Southland. No, the lieutenant didn't see any of his friends there. Many thanks.

Miss Daisy Brown has recovered from her one matinee illness and is making her usual noise.

Mrs. Frank Fowler Brown was over to Louisville, where she visited her many friends in "The Shoo-Fly Regiment."

There are a few members in "The Shoo-Fly Regiment" who are on the black list so far as the writer is concerned. Yes, if they don't come up with the right change for The Freeman I will talk about them.

I might mention that John Wesley Jenkins plays whist some too, although he has been keeping late hours in Louisville. What is the answer?

Mrs. Elizabeth Williams is wearing a broad smile. I guess everything is all right.

Mrs. Mollie Dill has been very happy all week. Her great big, good-hearted hubby, Mr. Will Dill, will be in Louisville Thursday, where he comes to take charge of one of the big hotels. Perhaps the route wasn't booked to suit Molly.

Miss Josephine Livingston is all right now. There has been a split in the family party.

CHICKLETT.

COLE AND JOHNSON'S "SHOO-FLY REGIMENT."

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Special.—Cole and Johnson in "The Shoo-Fly Regiment" were in the city last week and played to a crowded house at the Avenue Theatre on Sunday and Monday, and from box office reports, the entire house will be crowded through the week. From every standpoint, the play has been greatly strengthened since last year. New lines have been added and quite a number of changes have been made in the character work which swings about the "plot." "The Shoo-Fly Regiment" is the one Negro show that gives an opportunity to show to the incredulous white that the Negro has ability and talent to produce a play, teeming with music, humor and an interesting love story. "The Shoo-Fly Regiment" is a mirth-provoking" musical comedy, in which there are a number of "coon songs" and other high-class music.

This company is the most brilliant exhibition of the Negro's histrionic talent that has been seen at the Avenue in years. It marks an epoch, and tells the story of Negro progress, not only on the stage, but along several lines, which will cause the entire thoughtful people to "sit up and take notice." For years and years we have traveled along the some old unbeaten paths that brought the Negro Thespian into favor. Many of those of the past and those of the present have displayed the inherited meekness and disabilities to merit the plaudits of the public.

But it is left to the Cole and Johnson company to place the intelligent Negro before the people who sit in judgment upon our accomplishments. Years and years we have been subject to ridicule with horse-play, chicken thief, mule and dice games—with the great throng laughing at mimicery, at our total discomforture. But in Cole and Johnson, who have won a national reputation, we see no ethical distinction in wit and humor. The laugh comes from a natural and constructive wit and humor and demands the treacherous world see the glory and blessings of achievements and aspirations of the Negro. The whole play is high class from start to finish. It leaves an impression on all who see it. The sparkling Spanish song, the tuneful choruses, filled with harmony and technique, is pleasing and melodious. The acting is superb. The soldier boys under Mr. Pankey are inspiring and elevating. Where "The Shoo-Fly Regiment" strms the block house portrays the bravery and valor of the Negro soldier. The thread of the story never wanes and is strong and interesting. The "Board of Education," singing of Mrs. Pankey, Miss Fannie Wise, the artistic acting of Misses Mayme Butler and Daisy Brown are features of the show.

The musical direction of Mr. Harry A Williams merits great credit. Andrew Tribble as "Ophelia" continues to make hits. Mrs. Mollie Dill and Henry Gant are typical "old folks." In fact all the girls are beautiful and their costumes are gorgeous and stage setting magnificent. Willie Phelps, our own boy, is assistant stage manager and is "making good" as the orderly.

The coming of such talent as Cole and Johnson will leave a higher feeling among the races. Whenever such men as Cole and Johnson, Williams and Walker, Booker T. Washington, W. T. Vernon, D. Webster appear on the stage or platform, it causes such great newspapers as the Courier-Journal, Louisville Herald and Times to "sit up and take notice." The healthy comment awaking the hope of the Negro by such papers is one of the most momentous and most gratifying signs of the times. Cole and Johnson have made a study of sociological problems and have done their part upon the American stage in elevating the race. Three cheers for the standard they have set and the lofty service they are rendering our people.

Mr. Sam Corker, the only Negro advance agent in the world among theatrical troups, left Sunday for St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Corker is one of the most polished gentlemen engaged in the profession. He started some years ago with a determination to reach the top. Today he occupies the most unique position of any member of the race. He has traveled extensively in the Orient as well as his native country America. While here he enlarged his choice circle of friends and met an old-time friend, Mr. Mc. Sanders, head waiter at the Sealback Hotel, who entertained delightfully. While here Mr. Corker acquired the reputation as being a wonderful story teller and entertainer.

CARY B. LEWIS.

THE "DANDY DIXIE" MINSTRELS.

A number of ladied, headed by Madam G. Duconge and Miss Johnson, and Mr. Spregans, one of New Orleans' leading young men, banded together some time ago, organizing a social club called "The Dandy Dixie Girls." These ladies have heretofore used every effort to make the week's engagement of the "Dandy Dixie Minstrels" one of unlimited pleasure, and since they have organized and had the club augmented by other ladies, the members of the company are in the realm of highest ecstacy when the city of New Orleans appears on the route.

On Friday night, Jan. 24, Economy Hall was beautifully decorated with flags and bunting f the national colors. A gorgeous display of palms, whose wide leaves spread beautifully over the entire stage, hiding the inimitable Imperial Orchestra, who sat quietly until the appearance of the Dandy Dixie minstrel boys, who, accompanied by each lady of the club and other ladies and gentlemen of New Orleans' most elite society, retired to the reception room, where, upon the sweet strains of Dixie burst upon the midnight and thus the opening of the swellest affair New Orleans has known in years had made its initial bow. It is, of course, useless to mention the fact that in a twinkling all were engaged in the terpsicorean art and this continued until the sweet voice of Madame Duconge was heard in a request that all retire to the dining room, where a table laden with Creole rare delicacies was spread, in the center of which was the Dixie emblem.

The menu consisted of only such viands as as pleasing to the most fastidious and was served in Creole courses. Returning to the reception room, the orchestra played a very fitting waltz, entitled "Love Me and the World Is Mine," which caused dancing to be again resumed, and this, along with social intercourse, was the manner in which the hours were whirled away. The night of the 24th is one which will long be remembered; in fact, must be engraved upon the memory of the Dixie minstrel boys, and shall never be forgotten by the Dixie Girls as well. There was only one sad event, and that was the parting, leaving the Crescent City. One would judge from the condition of the Dixie maidens' faces, which were bathed in tears, their hearts must have been pierced by Cupid's wicked arrow.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson, 136 South Robertson street, New Orleans, was the scene of much pleasure and hilarity on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 23, the event being a reception tendered Williams and Stevens and the Dandy Dixie Minstrels. Every effort was used to entertain and welcome the members of the company, who are by no means strangers to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. Music and intercourse were the pastimes in which the guests engaged. Upon invitation all repaired to the dining room, where appetites were appeased and the delicacies relished by every one present. Beverages of every description flowed freely and late in the evening the guests retired for the Shubert Theatre with many happy wishes for the host and hostess, also fond good-byes as well as pleasant memories of the city of New Orleans and the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson.

LINCOLN THEATRE, KNOXVILLE, TENN.

"The Louisiana Troubadours" was the bill for the first half of the week. Then came the "Dixie Fun Makers" for the last half. Both bills were screamers. "Won't You Be My Honey," by Nettie Howard; "That's Where Friendship Ends," by G. M. Lewis; "Tickle Me," by Hallie Dean; "Gambling Man," by Ed Howard; "Running Wild," by Mabelle Brown; "Just An Old Friend of the Family," by Blanch Simms; "Gaze Upon My Diamond Pin," by Sank Simms; "Bon Bon Buddie," by R. B. Joplin; olio always something doing, Simms, Gardner and Simms. The Howards in "A Wash Woman's Troubles." "The Coontown Justice," Judge O'LLeary, Sam Gardner; prosecuting attorney, Ed Howard; police, Riley, Sank Simms; defendants, Miss Simms, Miss Dean, G. Lewis; witnesses, Miss Brown, Nettie Howard. This bill packed the house at every performance.

The last half fo the week we had to turn them away. Prof. Henry Watterson tickled the piano. Nettie Howard sang "I Just Can't Help From Loving That Man" and "All to the Merry." Then came G. M. Lewis with "That's Where Friendship Ends." He gt his. "Just An Old Friend f the Family." She ate it up. Ed Howard held his own singing "She Looks Good to Me." Sam Gardner didn't do a thing with "That's a Habit I Never Had." Sank Simms pleased them all with "Gaze Upon My Diamond Pin." Miss Brown sand "Running Wild." That's all. Well, R. B. Joplin had to sing "Bon Bon Buddy" all week. "Nuf sed."

"Mariucca," by R. B. Joplin and company. Went big. Hallie Dean and Mabelle Brown cleaned up with their flirtation song and dance. Simms, Gardner and Simms had to repeat "Always Something Doing."

We closed our show with "The Theatrical Booking Agent." Ed Howard, booking agent; Sam Gardner, comedy porter; Black Patti, Miss Brown; Anna Held, Miss Dean. Artistic dancer, Miss Simms; all-round performer, Nettie Howard; Billy ersands, G. M. Lewis; Sir Edwin Booth, Sank Simms.

The manager has been asked to repeat both shows this week, but Mr. Robert B. Joplin, our stage manager and producer, has something up his sleeve that will take them off their feet.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Howard send regards to Joe Russell and Robert C. White.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

Persons desiring to take The Freeman or having news items, call at 90 Sigsbee street or call Bell phone 1397. Bertha Burton, agent and correspondent.—Miss Veda Copley returned Wednesday to her home in Cass County.—The trustee board is planning a campaign in the near future to wipe out the entire indebtedness of the church.—The Phyllis Wheatley Club, having disbanded on account of the revival services, will meet again on Friday, Feb. 17, at the home of its president, Mrs. Emma Ford, who returned home Saturday from a month's stay in Indianapolis. Mrs. Ford had the pleasure of visiting The Freeman office and spoke in glowing terms of it.—We are glad to hear of the progress of Miss Daisy Dean Walker's work and of the beautiful home she has for "Our Girls."—Rev. Folls has taken up his residence on Diamond street in Mr. Prince's house, where Mr. and Mrs. Folls will be pleased to welcome their many friends.—Mrs. Wright, who has been on the sick list, is somewhat improved in health.—Mrs. Jennie Smith is at the head of a committee that is preparing a benefit entertainment in Woodmen's Hall on Feb. 20.

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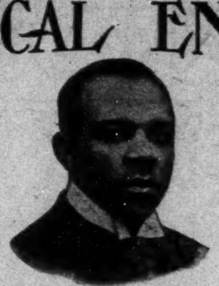

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COLE AND JOHNSON—Robinson, Ill., Feb. 10; Terre Haute, Ind., 11; Bloomington, Ill., 12; Springfield, 13, 14, 15.

DANDY DIXIE MINSTRELS—Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 10; Brunswick, Ga., 11; Waycross, 12; Valdosta, 13; Albany, 14; Americus, 15.

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS—Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 10; Greenville, Miss., 11; Yazoo City, 12; Jackson, 13; Pt. Gikon, 14; Baton Rouge, La., 15.

SMART SET COMPANY—Toledo, O., Feb. 9-12; St. Marys, 13; Elyria, 14; Lorain, 15.

BROWN AND BROWN—South Bend, Ind., week of Feb. 10.

THE BRITTONS—Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 10-15.

THE FREEMAN POSTOFFICE

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Banhaanon, H. J.	Montrose & Douglass.
Bristol, Walter.	Moore, Ben.
Brown, Robert.	Moody & James.
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Copeland, Andrew —2.	Martin, Jack.
Childs, Walter.—4.	Mitchell, Fulton.—2.
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SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

SOME VIEWS ON THE LIGHT-WEIGHT CLASS.

(By Chas. Marshall.)

One little fight almost cleared the lightweight sky.

Packey McFarland pushed the clouds aside in Boston a few evenings ago. He whipped Bert Keyes decisively and thereby, at one fell swoop, deprived the East of any claim it might have to harboring a reasonably good-looking candidate for the high honors of the lightweight division.

When Packey whipped Keys he practically whipped the entire East and striped that section clean. He will get other matches down there, but as Keyes is as good, if not a little better, than any of the others, but one result may be looked for. It looks like a field day for the pride of the yards.

Packey Now on Top.

When Packey did his little cloud pushing act he stood revealed at the top of the heap, with but one companion in this biggest class of the entire fighting game. Battling Nelson is his only rival for a crack at that awful thing known as Joe Gans.

And Gans has come out of the hole into which he crawled after he whipped George Memsic. He says right out that he is willing to make two matches if he can get the right sort of men to fight him. Just what Gans means by the "right sort" is Murphy and Packey McFarland.

He continues to scorn Bat Nelson. but the fact remains that at the present time there are but two lightweights in the country that can be considered as having the ghost of a chance with the black man. One of them is Packeya nd the other is the Dane. Figure and figure as you will, the deductions bring one right back to the starting point—Gans is in a class by himself, with Packey and Bat as distant possibilities.

Nelson and Packey Stars.

Following up these deductions the conclusion is reached there is but one battle that will appeal to the American people as the right sort of an affair at the present time. That is a contest of at least twenty rounds between packey and the Dane. Then the sky will be cleared for fair. It is the big match of the day. It can not be dodged on either side. It is bound to come.

The Gans statement that he is prepared to box again and seeks matches with men of moderate ability is something of a surprise. He does not mention Nelson—evidently he is done with him for all time unless he is forced into another meeting. He figures that McFarland will clear the road of all the Nelsons in the world as soon as the Chicogoan gets the opportunity.

But Packey will not box Gans right away. In a manly statement in New York a few days ago Packey admitted fairly and squarely that he is not after such a meeting. He is full of self-confidencea nd all that, but he can not figure out that he has a chance with the black demon known as the "old master." And he figures with a wisdom not compatible with his nineteen years on earth. He can not whip Gans and neither can Nelson, but McFarland has the good sense to admit it.

NOTES OF THE LEAGUE.

Would like to hear from Nashville, Tenn., and Cincinnati, right away.

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President Leland, please send that book.

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Hurrah for Settles of Columbus, O.

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Has Ed Lancaster gone to sleep?

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Cleveland, please write the organizer right away.

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St. Louis will come in big.

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Memphis is sure to make a showing.

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Tell others that the date for the meeting is the 16th of February.

BLACKBURN ISSUES REMARKABLE CHALLENGE.

Lightweight Bars Only Two Men Now in the Ring.

Jack Blackburn, the coming champion lightweight of the world, came out last week with a truly remarkable challenge. Blackburn is a fighter who can make the lightweight limit, 133 pounds,a nd be strong, announces that he will immediately post a forfeit to fight any man in the world, excepting Tommy Burns and Jack Johnson, any number of rounds. Last week Blackburn visited this city, his home, after a two years' absence. In that time he has more than held his own with all classes of fighters, from feather to heavy weights. On several occasions he has held his own with Sam Lanford, the heavyweight. He also recently got better than an even break with Jimmy Barry in a six-round bout. Barry is the heavyweight champion who is touted as the coming champion and the man who won a decision over Lanford.

Quite recently when Papke was in Philadelphia he refused to box Blackburn in an exhibition. The latter's friends assert that Papke was afraid that he would appear slow beside the speed wonder.

MANAGERS READY FOR LEAGUE MEETING.

Heads of Various Teams Will Be on Hands.

A large number of managers and owners of various teams in a good many of our important cities have sent letters to the effect that they will be on hands for the very first session of the League meeting to be held on February 16 at Indianapolis. They state that they have already began preparations for a short season of League ball playing, so confident are they as to its formation at the next meeting. So far as the engagement of good parks, Columhbus and Cleveland have gone to the expense of building and fitting two very fine parks in the most popular part of the towns. Also, they have signed up some great players among the different teams. It is not known whether there will be very much of a demand made for players or not this season, but it is believed that there is a great many vacancies yet to be filled up. It is the desire of the officials of the league to have fast company in order to have fast ball; professional ball will be had, which will require each manager to obtain professional players. Already the organizer has received a great many letters from umpires and players all over the country, asking if there was any opening in the league, and he has decided to attend to that matter by giving in each name to the secretary and have each manager present look the list over and if he should choose any of the players it is his privilege to do so.

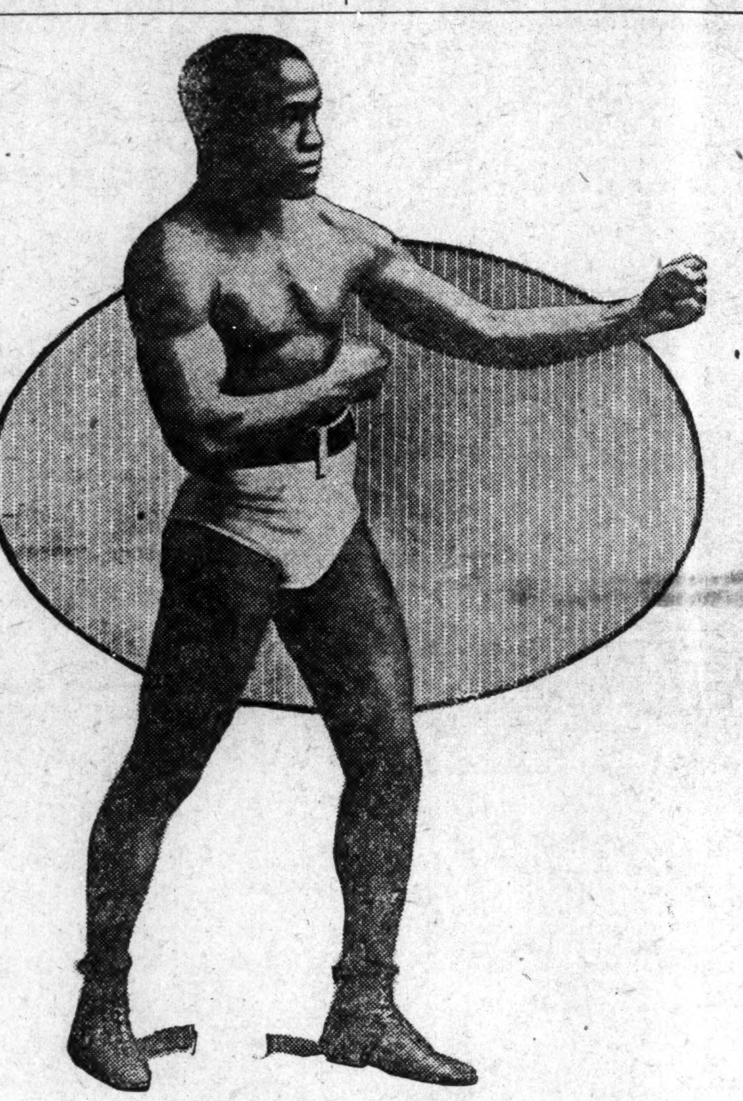
It will be asked that every person attend this meeting, as it will be public until the coming of permanent organization, which should terminate before adjournment.

BLACKBURN, LICKED—WINS.

Sheriff Causes Recess After Fifth Round.

Albany, N. Y.—Special.—In the fifth round of what was to have been a twenty-round go, Wednesday night, January 22, between Charley Hitte, of Albany, and Jack Blackburn, of Iindianapolis, Sheriff Besch interfered and drove every one from the place. After the lapse of an hour, when the sheriff had gone, the fight was resumed.

Hitte had Blackburn licked in the fifth round, but after Blackburn had an hour's rest, he was fresh again. In the fourteenth round, Hitte's seconds threw up the sponge, for their man was played out.



YOUNG PETER JACKSON.

Young Peter Jackson, the one-time great wonder, may enter again. His friends think he has regained his former shape and figure that he has a few more fights in him. He has been steadily training for the past two or three months and has done a great deal of private boxing in and around Philadelphia and has met with much success.

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Jack O'Brien, the light heavyweight champion, is wearing plug hats and managing a fight club in Philadelphia.

Bob Fitzsimmons, middleweight champion, although a trifle overgrown, is on the stoige at Bawston. Bawb don't box now.

Honey Mellody, who is still the "welterweight champion," is doctoring up at home, getting ready for another "go." Honey rests six months, then fights once and then rests again.

Joe Gans, "the old master," is tripping the light fastastic on the stage and telling about his bouts.

Abe Attell, instead of meeting fighters, is meeting lemons out West.

All we have are the near champions, who refuse to meet the good boys and chase the poor, battered quinces from town to town.

"Fighting is a lovely business," as Scaldy Bill Quinn used to say.

TAYLOR WILL HOLD FOR OLYMPIC GAMES.

Runner Will Train Light Meanwhile.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Special.—John B. Taylor Jr., the champion Negro runner, may not appear in any contest if it is to be soon found out that he is to take part in the Olympic games. His friends say he will only train lightly for the next few months and will not under any circumstances race with Hillman.

THE FATE OF POOR GEORGE DIXON.

(By Sylvester Russell.)

At last, alas, another benediction has been pronounced over a mighty pugilist in the person of George Dixon, the greatest little fighter who ever lived in all the world. It is not to review what white men have written or what they've said and done, that in this particular column (for the stage once claimed him as the most important star of a variety stage attraction) that Dixon's fatal end calls for further and even racial comment. They have told their story, an average American white man's story; a one-sided story which leaves the irony of fate of one who had played a most conspicuous part in the history of a people whose complexions were darkened, bu the God-chosen drips of purest African blood, to be jesuitically smothered like fire quenched with water. But the smoke from the chimney presents a darkened azure which the world must see and know of. There has been no obituary. No newspaper had given a regular sketch of Dixon's actual life. There was comment on his professional career, of his great ability as a fighter and of tears that were shed by famous sporting men who had often won money at the expense of his physical courage and torture. There is a history, though, alas, which does not read like a gold-finished book of prayer. It's abreviated pages tell us that George Dixon was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, under an English flag. He was not a born American, but an English Negro, and therefore a subject whom only a Negro can claim as a racial achievement or England, as a nation's victory. Dixon was not an American champion, he was a world's champion and one which the world must always in memory honor. He came from an inferior English province, where ignorance had borrowed prejudice from America and planted it into the lives of its natives—and yet colored people of Canada boast of what they might have cause to be ashamed of. Little George Dixon came to America (Boston) a healthy little chap, ignorant, uneducated, no cultivation, with no mother to guide him and with na thoughts of love that might come to mar his pathway for the sage of getting his money or the dangers of drink that would ruin him. Then, like all the rest of the smart street urchins of Boston, Dixon's fistic exercises commenced to attract attention. He had come up in the slums. His juvenile success caused Tom O'Rourke, a white sporting man, to pick him up on trial only to discover that little George was a great success and to that end, the great money end, had Dixon share equally with him in his earnings, which, if he deserved, should have looked after George in his downfall for the remainder of his life at the price of his own name and fame and in honor of the sporting fraternity.

Then, once again, in the meantime, fate came along. It was the woman with the white face and poor George had a romance. It was a romance which meant to him the relinquishment of his fortune, worriment, defeat and at last a broken heart, which drove him to a drunkard's grave. He had married this white woman. She was one of a sort who had pretended to love him. When she had gotten enough of this world's riches in coin for her life's necessity, she went her way. His trip to England was a Godsend, for there he received his last ovation, little dreaming, nor were Englanders aware, that it was a most honoring and flattering tribute to his own country. His American benefits which netted only hundreds were nothing to compare with the man who should have been richly benefitted by a restricted fund to be looked after by Mr. Thomas O'Rourke. When George's money was gone, his money-glutton friends whom he had helped to enrich, knew him not. What a pity! But of such is the cold natured philosophy of a cheap American sport. The newspapers had to say: "He asked for bread and they gave him a stone." What a tribute to American sportsmanship! It is this last predicament I know that sent Dixon to his grave hastily. None but professionals in public life can best realize the mental torture of grief when it pierces the heart. And his former wife; to-day she weeps alone where nobody sees her. We are all human. There is no "color" to love and humanity. No woman can ever forget the love of a man (even if she never loved him), whom she once married. Fate had ordained that a faithless woman must shed tears of sorrow and shed them often when death and disgrace has claimed the man she once had wronged, and in this same sentence the lives of all good women must be applauded. And Tom O'Rourke whose name was scarcely mentioned, he, too, is shedding tears of sorrow, all alone, unseen, in the bed chamber of his beautiful New York hotel mansion built by the income of little George Dixon's paladin energy. It is therefore not a Dixon disgrace, poor George is dead, but a disgrace to Tom O'Rourke and the former Mrs. Dixon, that memory will recall throughout the remainder of their lives, the fate of little Dixon.

The matrimonial story in the Dixon history will ever serve as a great moral to the colored population. Conditions have taught the colored race, very often, that any colored man with money who will marry a poor white woman, is sure to suffer the fate of Dixon, while on the hand, if the marriage is one of love, of the same religon and equal financial basis, there can not justly be any objections. But conditions in America rather warrant that people of one color should marry, that people of one religion should marry, and people of one racial nationality, for best results, if not as a necessity.

And in all these events of Dixon's fatal misfortune, the New York Evening Journal pictured him on the sporting page in the arena facing the crowd with his back to the reading world, and in the same view we saw him as a fatal wreck seated on the lower steps of the enemy—time. "Dixon could not stand prosperity," was in scribed at the bottom space below. Wither withall, with Dixon's record and his secular vocation in life, there is no shame. He is no uncrowned Jeffries-ite, champion who had retired for fear that another man of an unpopular color of skin might defeat him. Dixon died after honest defeat and penniless. His name will always live as a tribute to his well fought battles and in honor of his record, Joe Gans has placed one hundred dollars at the head of a fund for a monument for George Dixon, to which Terry McGovern, Young Corbett, John L. Sullivan, Joe Humphries and others have loyally responded. All honor to Joseph Gans. Yes, let Dixon have a monument by all means, for these are the days when prize ring fighters are of more importance than trust men and money hoarders, so let the good work go on.

And in the light of this event, let Joe Gans be mindful never to fight again, to keep his word, that he may die in behalf of his race, a real genuine American-born, undefeated champion of the world and die rich as a well completed contrast, now within his grasp, to the fate of our late beloved pugilistic idol—George Dixon.

A Dixon Doxology.

No prayer was said,
But tears were shed,
By worldly men,
Of sports' Fraternity.

The soul has gone,
By Angels borne,
To mystic rest—
For all Eternity.

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Some Day when Dreams Come True.

By R. W. Thompson.

The Niagara Movement will again show signs of life.

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Negro Democrats will begin to sit up and take notice.

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The Odd Fellows' Journal will have a new editor.

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The "Black Battalion" will be reinstated in the army.

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Prof. Jesse Lawson will be Governor of New Jersey.

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The Negro Press Association will meet at Indianapolis.

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Somebody will find it a good idea to lynch the lynchers.

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The fellows who shot up Brownsville will be unmasked.

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Another Negro will be elected to Congress—and seated.

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The Negro will be re-enfranchised in the Southern States.

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J. Douglas Wetmore will get his racial identity on straight.

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Fred R. Moore will "show them" who owns the New York age.

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T. Thomas Fortune will again figure in New York journalism.

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Chris Perry will be the recognized "boss" of Philadelphia politics.

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"Marse Henry" Watterson will be elected Senator from Kentucky.

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The Chicago Conservator will cease to be a journalistic orphan.

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The Southern "lily-white" Republicans will be put out of business.

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Freedmen's Hospital at Washington will have a new surgeon-in-chief.

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There will be peace in the public schools of Washington, St. Louis and Louisville.

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A colored man will be smart enough to pass the new consular examinations.

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Negro ball players will be found in the National, American and Western Leagues.

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Dr. W. D. Chappelle will burn his bridge behind him and run for the bishopric only.

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J. C. Napier will get "something good" when the administration gets around to him.

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The National Negro Press Association will be reorganized on a strictly business basis.

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Baltimore will have no candidates for official honor at the hands of the A. M. E. Church.

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Prof. W. Milton Lewis of Indiana will take his rightful place in the national limelight.

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The Cleveland Journal and Cleveland Gazette will be merged into a single corporation.

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Newspaper grafters and campaign "con" men will be wiped from the face of the earth.

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The true value of the Negro Department will be recognized by its short-sighted critics.

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Editor Roscoe Conkling Simmons will second the nomination of Senator Foraker at Chicago.

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Mr. Bryan will put John Sharp Williams and his gang to shame by taking high ground on the race question.

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Attorney E. H. Morris will cease to play the role of the Warwick of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows.

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Joe Gans will deliver an address of welcome at the Baltimore meeting of the National Negro Business League.

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Giles B. Jackson will pay a dividend to the stockholders of the Negro Development and Exposition Company.

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Ralph W. Tyler and Harry C. Smith will be found on the same side of the political fence in an Ohio campaign.

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Bishop Turner will be allowed to settle down to a quiet little honeymoon as often as he sees fit to pick a new bride.

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The Kentucky Standard will be able to express itself on the presidential situation without indulging in hysterics.

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The National Afro-American Council will carry a test case of the Jim Crow car laws to the United States Supreme Court.

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Sylvester Russell will forgive J. Ed. Green, Madame Hackley and Ernest Hogan for all sins of omission and commission.

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Editor B. J. Davis of the Atlanta Independent will ride on the front seat in Grand Master W. L. Houston's bandwagon.

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As a baseball magnate, Elwood C. Knox will make John T. Brush, Ban Johnson and Charley Comiskey look like back numbers.

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Prof. E. W. B. Curry will be to the temperance cause what Dr. Booker T. Washington is to the industrial education propaganda.

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It will be disclosed that the real cause of the antagonism of certain colored men to Taft has nothing at all to do with the Brownsville matter—in short, they are not mad about what they say they are mad about, but are aiming to hit another man over Taft's shoulders.

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"P. S. Twister," from the Sagebrush, will find that fighting President Thirkield and Howard University is a losing proposition.

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Tuskegee Institute will secure an endowment fund of $5,000,000, which will yield sufficient revenue to meet all current expenses.

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Cary B. Lewis, George St. Julian Stephens, George F. King, Charles Stewart and Horace D. Slatter will have "organs" of their own.

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Drs. E. W. Lampton, H. B. Parks, L. H. Reynolds and J. M. Conner will be the "sure things" for the A. M. E. bishopric at Norfolk.

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J. E. Bush will have 50,000 members in his Mosaic Order and get 500 life members for the National Negro Business League at Baltimore.

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Editor W. H. Steward of the American Baptist will represent the State of Kentucky as an alternate delegate-at-large at Chicago in June.

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There will be more white men like Andrew Carnegie, W. P. Tairkield, G. F. Richings, Justice Brewer, J. G. Phelps-Stokes and William Lloyd Garrison.

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Editor W. Calvin Chase of the Washington Bee will find himself so busy running for delegate to the Chicago convention that he will have no time to worry about the youth of Roscoe Conkling Bruce, assistant superintendent of the Washington public schools.

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It will be up to R. W. Thompson, A. J. Farley, Aley. Freeman, Joe Blakey, W. C. Brown, L. C. Morris, Harry Reynolds, Charles E. W. Brown, G. W. Jackson and the rest of the hustling Hoosier contingent at Washington to get together and organize an Indiana Society.

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Girls will extend as cordial a welcome in their parlors to the aspiring young man without the price of theater tickets, with supper attachment, as they do to the imitation fashion-plate who has no higher ambition than to show off by blowing in his money for non-essentials.

Mr. Carnegie's Great Address.

It should be a matter of satisfaction to every Negro to know that the Committee of Twelve is now engaged in publishing and distributing fifty thousand copies of Mr. Carnegie's great address before the Philosophical Society of Edinburg, Scotland, on the American Negro. It is the object of the Committee to distribute this address not only among our friends, but among those who know little of the race's progress and have taken little time to find out just what the Afro-American people are accomplishing. It is the ernest wish of the Committee that every one co-operate in putting copies of this address in the hands of those where it will accomplish the most good. It is only by constantly calling the attention of the world to our real progress in material educational, moral and religious directions that the public opinion of the country will be changed toward us as a race. The Committee of Twelve is rendering a high service to our people in disseminating the facts which Mr. Carnegie brought together. Those who wish to secure copies of the address can do so by addressing the secretary of the Committee of Twelve, Mr. Hugh H, Browne, Cheyney, Pa.

Don't forget that College Heights is an established fact; it is not merely on paper. The beautiful addition to Guthrie is already platted, and with an eye single to the many advantages of modern cities. Oklahoma is strictly in favor at this time, and Guthrie, the capital, is the particular center of attraction. College Heights adjoins Guthrie. As Guthrie, so is College Heights. Get in on the ground floor. You take no chances.

BISHOP GRANT INTERVIEWED

By The Freeman.

What is your impression of the great Educational meeting held in Carnegie hall, New York City?

"For years I have not seen anything more encouraging than the Educational meeting held under the auspices of the Armstrong Association in Carnegie hall, Friday, Jan. 17th. The hall in which the meeting was held is a magnificent structure with four galleries, and every seat was occupied. The boxes on either side were held by distinguished characters in the professional life, and by millionaires.

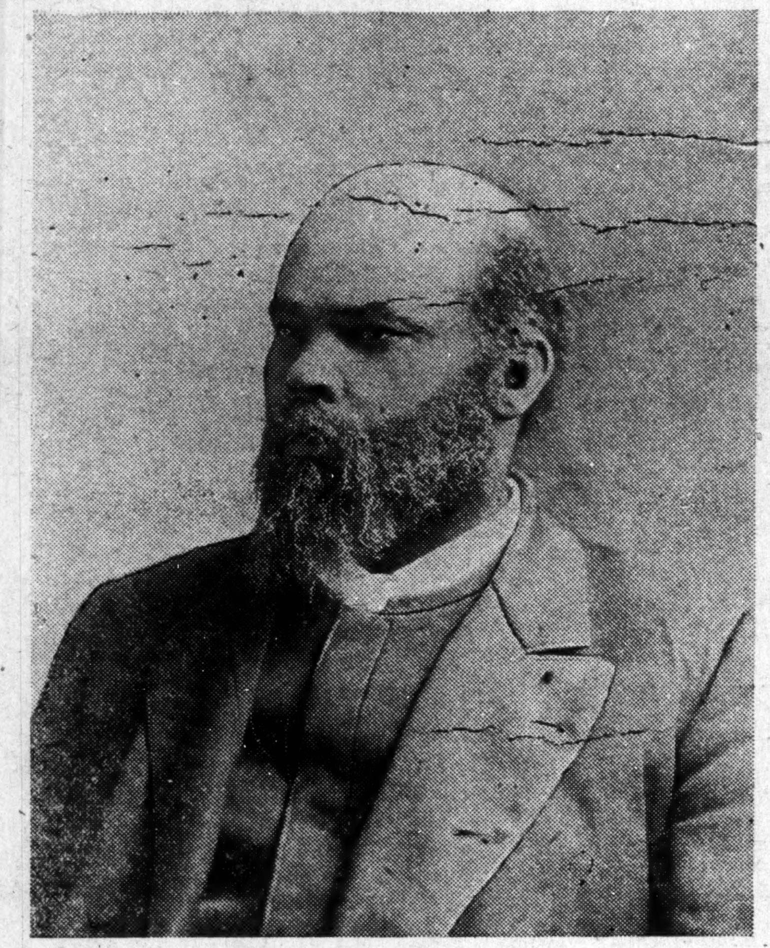
"Gov. Hughes, of New York, delivered the first address, which was masterly and had the right ring. He is a great man, broad, and I think, in every way fair-minded.. I was the second speaker. Among other things I said to that vast audience that as Congress was appropriating from ten to twelve millions of dollars each year for the Indians, that if they wanted to do something substantial for the Negro race, they should appropriate sufficient funds to establish an institution like to Tuskegee in every ex-slave state, make appropriations to support them, and appoint Dr. Booker T. Washington as General Superintendent. I further stated that if Senator Ben Tillman would offer a bill to carry out the above, he would make reparation for the harm he has done our people.

"Col. Henry Watterson, of Louisville, Ky., was the third speaker. His address was most patriotic and liberal in character, and convinced the people that he is a great statesman and that he has an exalted idea of justice to all people. The statement that he asked nothing for his wife and children that he was not willing to grant to the Negro, brought great applause from the immense congregation. The Kentucky Legislature would honor itself if they would elect him to the U. S. Senate.

"The last speaker was Prof. B. T. Washington, and the New York people seemed to await with patience for his address. He discussed the work of Tuskegee, Hampton and such institutions at length, and gave important information with reference to their needs and operations, and touched upon the educational conditions in Italy, Spain, Russia and South America. The Hon. Seth Lowe, Chairman of the meeting, presented him to the audience as the 'foremost American.'"

What have you to say with reference to the nomination for President of the United States?

"I presume you know that I am not in politics, but I understand now that Indiana is for Vice-President Fairbanks, New York will be for Gov. Hughes, Ohio for Senator Foraker and Secretary Taft, Illinois for 'Uncle Joe' Cannon and Pennsylvania for Senator Knox. This is about all I have heard. Oh, yes! I am informed that the Indianapolis Freeman is also for Vice-President Fairbanks. The people say one of the persons mentioned will likely be nominated and elected."



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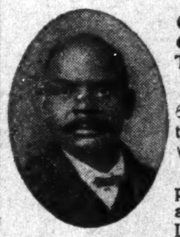

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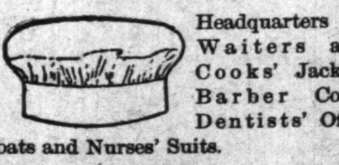

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Mrs. Annie Sanders, 83 years old, died at Alpha Home last Sunday.

William R. Valentine will make address at Flanner Guild tomorrow.

Mrs. Anna Smith has returned to the city after an absence of several months.

Miss Jeanetta C. Hargrove left Sunday to join the Sterling Jubilee Singers as pianist.

The Progressive Club will meet with Mrs. McKay in Alvord street next Thursday.

Arthur Marshall has returned to the city after a sojourn of several months in Chicago.

Mrs. Patsy McGruder is ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dan Carter, in Dorman street.

Mrs. J. S. Bailey, who was called to Newcastle by the illness of her mother, has returned to the city.

The Young Men's Independent Club will give a "Country Dance" at Odd Fellows Hall February 21.

Rev. W. C. McColl will make an address at the Y. C. W. P. A., vesper service at Jones Tabernacle tomorrow at 3 o'clock.

Mr, Thomas Wagner, of Dayton, O., spent a few days in the city visiting his sister, Mrs. John Starling who is ill at her home in West Vermont street.

The following deaths have been reported by Shelton & Willis this week: William Chatton, Wallace Harris, Iney Harris, Wilson Frances and Thomas Offett.

Hons. Chas. A. Bookwalter and Jos. B. Kealing have been elected delegates from this district to the Republican National convention in Chicago next June. Mr. J. H. Lott and Mr. Boyd are alternates.

Theodore Masiza Kakaza, B. Se., B. M., a native of Africa and a graduate of Toronto Can., who came to this country 11 years ago, and is planing to return to Africa soon, as a medical missionary. He will speak on "The Past and Present Condition of South Africa," touching their religious educational progress at Simpson Chapel Wednesday February 12.

The Woman's Home Missionary Societh of Simpson Chapel will hold its annual offering service at the church, February 23 at 11 o'clock. The society will celebrate St. Valentine Day at the home of Mrs. Courtney in Camp street. An excellent program will be rendered in the afternoon. The Queen Esther Circle will conduct a post office in the evening.

The New Exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. James Crumps were among the guests at the New Exchange last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgie Bell took supper at the New Exchange last Sunday evening.

Douglass Memorial Day

The colored Y. M. C. A., extends a cordial invitation to all lodges, societies and organizations to join with them in the annual memorial to the memory of the late Fredrick Douglass, Sunday February 23. Grand Chancellor Earnest Tidrington of the K. of P. lodges has given his consent to the subordinate lodges throughout his jurisdiction to turn out in full regalia. The K. of P. Band has consented to play and invitations will be extended to all lodges and societies. The Gen. Secretary Thomas E. Taylor desires that all secretaries of the various oaganizations send in name of their organization and address in order that invitations might be sent to them.

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Y M. C A. NOTES

Hon. Charles W. Miller, of Goshen, ex-Attorney General of Indiana, will be the speaker at the "Monster Meeting" Sunday, Feb. 9th, at 3 p. m. This meeting will be held in the Second Baptist church. Mr. Miller is a fine talker to men with the reform idea standing out predominant in his make up. He comes to the "Monster Meeting" with the subject "Our Duty," and a treat is expected and promised to all who come. Let us have the largest crowd of the season. Remember on this Sunday we are at the Second Baptist church. The Tuesday night Bible Study Club continues to draw and attract men. Rev. McColl's Bible talks are exceptionally good. The Sunday school lesson course is being followed.

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DR. VERNON VISITS THE WEST.

Dr. W. T. Vernon, register of the United States treasury, has returned from a tour through Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado. During that time he managed to lecture in the largest cities f those States. While in Kansas City he spoke before several large religious bodies. At one meeting he addressed 800 men belonging to the Y. M. C. A. While in Kansas City he was the guest of Bishop Grant, who returned to Indianapolis with Register Vernon. He spent a few hours in this city with Mr. Geo. L. Knox and other friends, leaving for Washington early Tuesday evening. He speaks in Philadelphia Feb. 25 and New York Feb. 27.

RALEIGH, N. C.

Rev. R. H. W. Leak, D. D., of Raleigh District A. M. E. Conference, has been unanimously endorsed by the two conferences of the old Tar Heel State for the bishopric. The A. M. E. Church could not pay a higher tribute to one of her most loyal and active sons than rewarding this good man.—The Sunday school of the First Baptist Church is in a most flourishing condition, and the teachers are bending every effort in support to their superintendent, Col. Jas. A Young, deputy collector of internal revenue.—Mrs. L. J. M. Fleming is being congratulated by her many friends on her recovery from a very successful operation performed at the Lenard Medical College.—Rev. A. J. Wilson, pastor of St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, is highly elated over the very able set of officers elected for the ensuing year, and predicts a greater year than last, which was the most prosperous in the history of the church.—Mrs. Mary Churchill Terrill of Washington, D. C., delivered a very instructive and entertaining address to a large and appreciative audience in the chapel of Shaw University under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. last Friday evening.—The annual concert of the Medico-Pharmaceutical Association of the Leonard Medical College rendered the following program in the chapel of Shaw University Sunday evening, Jan. 26, 1908: Invocation, Dr. S. B. Capeheart; quartet, Drs. Fisher, Smith, Carter and Rogers; solo, J. H. Thompson; address, Dr. G. E. Davis of Biddle University; solo, C. E. Smith; chorus, "A New Heaven and New Earth"; closing remarks by President C. F. Meserve; benediction.

PIQUA, OHIO.

Phillippi Lodge No. 2204, G. U. O. of Odd Fellows elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year: York Rial, W. T.; Geo. F. Moss, V. S.; Jno. T. Gilliam, chaplain; trustees: Geo. Knox, Robt. E. Evans and Wm. B. Wilson; W. Rial, N. G.; R. Evans, R. S.; F. R. Edwards, L. S.; Geo. Balar, V. G.; W. Rial, R. S.; S. Rial, L. S.; Jas. Cumberland, elective secretary; O. Hill, inside guard; V. W. Lee, V. N. G.; Ed Johnson, warden; Geo. Knox, Noble Father; J. Price, advocate.

Household Ruth Lodge No. 951 elected the following officers: Nettie Rial, W. T.; Lila B. White, W. R.; Emma Williams, prelate; Geo. F. Moss, N. G.; Mary Hill, M. N. G.; Anna Hill, R. N. G.; Rosa Holmes, V. M. N. G.; J. Price, W. C.; Ed Johnson, counsellor; Martha Denmark, usher; trustees: Geo. F. Moss, Jane, Rial, J. H. Jones.

PADUCAH, KY.

Miss Mollie Hamlins is visiting Mrs. L. Thomas on Husband street.—Dr. J. W. T. Patterson is one of our best surgeons, as is also Dr. Wm. J. Davis.—The home of Mrs. Bettie Jones was destroyed by fire last Saturday night.—Herbert Johen will open a saloon on Feb. 17.—John W. Eyster has moved in his new home on Ohio street.—The new skating rink opened Feb. 3.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

The city of Clarksville is quiet again. The citizens have gotten over the Night Riders scare. The best citizens don't believe that the two colored boys (Watkins and Allen), who were killed near the Sorrie & Hays factory were aware of their danger when they passed the factory. We learned that the boys were returning home on said night of the killing. Their parents have the sympathy of all the good citizens.

The musical and literary entertainment given at St. Paul's A. M. E. Church on the 27th was a grand success under the direction and management of Mrs. C. A. Kelly.—Dr. C. A. Kelly is ill.—The Roger Williams University Benefit Concert, headed by Mme. Magdalene Taritt, the "Black Swan," with some of Nashville's best talent, and Dr. A. M. Townsen, presiding at the piano, gave us one of the most brilliant concerts at Fifth Ward on the 29th we have had since the original Fisk Jubilee Singers visited us years ago, with Miss Jennie Jackson starring. Mme. Magdalene is another star added to the Ethiopian heaven.—Freeman Oakly died on the 30th, of pneumonia. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Gardner Sunday from St. Peter's A. M. E. Church, of which he was a valuable member.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Ed Cooper had the misfortune recently to mash his hand, which was very painful.

The little children of Frank Black of South West street, and the children of Mrs. Charles Stewart, are ill.

Mrs. Luvina Hyatt of South West street, who has been quite ill, is some better.

Mr. Samuel Abbington, Mrs. Clara Edwards and Mrs. Lizzie Damons do not seem to improve much. Ray Greenup is also sick.

Mrs. Taylor of South West street is slowly improving from her illness.

Mrs. Brown of South Ebey street was in Springfield, Ill., on business last week.

Mrs. A. Early entertained at dinner recently Mrs. Mattie Carpenter and son.

Mrs. Mattie Powers of South Hardin street has been quite ill at her home.

Mrs. Evaline Powers fell recently and injured herself very badly.

Emma Early had the misfortune to fall recently and hurt her head very badly.

Mrs. Samuel Rhodes of South East street received a telegram recently stating the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Harris, at Quincy, Ill. She left to be at her bedside.

Rev. C. C. Carter of Frankfort, Mo., is holding revival meetings at the Bethel A. M. E. Church. There have been several additions to the church.

The dancing school at the K. of P. Hall is proving quite a success. Pupils are learning all the latest styles of dances and learning rapidly with the Mallory brothers as teachers.

The funeral services of Mrs. Annie Washington were held at the Mt. Emery Baptist Church January 29 and was largely attended. There were many beautiful flowers. Rev. A. J. Cromwell officiated, assisted by Rev. Muse. Mrs. Washington was born in Clarence, Mo., but recently lived in Dickson, Ill. She is survived by a father, a stepmother and two sisters. The remains were interred in the Jacksonville Cemetery. The ballbearers were Charles Berry, George Yoken, Frank Wair, Grant Wair, Mr. Fountain and Mr. Harman.

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Henry Wilson vs. Mattie Wilson. } State of Indiana, Marion County, ss: in the Circuit Court of Marion County, In the State of Indiana, No. 16.553.

Complaint Divorce.

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 27th day of January, 1908, the above named plaintiff by his attorney, filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Marion Court, in the State of Indiana, his complaint against the above named defendant, Mattie Wilson and the said plaintiff having also filed in said clerk s office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant, Mattie Wilson, is not a resident of the state of Indiana, and said cause is for divorce, and that the above named defendant is a necessary party thereto, and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto on the 26th day of March, 1908.

NOW THEREFORE, by order of said court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against her, and that unless she appear and and answer or demur thereto at the calling of said cause on the 26th day of March, 1908, the same being the 22d judicial day of a term of said court, to be begun and held at the Court House in the city of Indianapolis, on the first Monday in March, 1908, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in her absence. LEONARD M. QUILL, Clerk.

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